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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Asian Games

THE last of the Hongkong team participating in the Asian Games is now on their way to Tokyo for Saturday's opening ceremony—having left behind small eddies of controversy. These were to be expected. Selectors cannot please everyone and sportsmen are often surprisingly vociferous critics.

Should Hongkong have sent a smaller and more realistically selected team? Should its composition have been different? These questions inevitably arise but unless financial considerations prompt the first question and a notoriously blatant case of favoritism the second, they can generally be ignored.

High Opinion?

A TEAM of 101 does not suggest that Hongkong's selectors have an excessively high opinion of our talent or are particularly over-optimistic about our chances, nor can it be said when the medal tally has been finally counted that the "failures" did not pay their way or justify the faith placed in them by our selectors.

One newspaper commentator asked yesterday whether Hongkong would do better than the one bronze medal Stephen-Xavier won for us in 1951. Hope, of course, springs eternal but it is perhaps a salutary consolation that we cannot do much worse.

The Right Thing

NO team for an international competition of this kind, involving several heats, semi-finals and finals can be selected on the sole basis of its medal-winning potentiality. If it were, it may then be fairly argued that a high percentage of all those taking part should have stayed at home and the Games would then have been reduced to a battle of giants—and as a spectacle it would have suffered grievously.

To criticise, therefore, the despatch of teams on the grounds that the odds are heavily against them winning even a place in the finals is to misunderstand the essence of competition.

Hongkong sports officials were right to send as large and as hopeful a team as they could afford and it is sincerely to be hoped that the next Games team will be chosen on the same basis.

Inquests

THERE are certain to be inquests after the Games are all over; the selectors' decisions will surely be questioned all over again and the "should have" will be weighed severely against the "should have not." But really Hongkong cannot ask more than that its representatives should do their best. And in this spirit only the Colony should send best wishes to all participants.

A Blot On Tokyo's Honour, Say Police

1,000 ASIAN GAMES FLAGS STOLEN

Tokyo, May 21. Tokyo metropolitan Government officials today appealed to persons responsible for removing more than 1,000 flags representing 20 nations taking part in the Asian Games to stop forward return the flags and remove the blot from Tokyo's honour. A police spokesman said the

flags, which were put up along the main roads leading into the stadium yesterday, were stolen, shortly before dawn, today.

It had been thought the flags had been taken down to protect them from bad weather. Metropolitan Police detectives were this evening searching

the city for the flags and the persons responsible for their removal.

A Tokyo Government spokesman said the guilty parties should have more respect for other nations' emblems. This situation is a blow to Tokyo's pride and the honour of Japan.—Reuters.

Latest Figures Show Relief For Lancashire GREY CLOTH IMPORT SLUMP China Exports Stop Suddenly

London, May 21.

United Kingdom imports of grey cotton cloth during April dropped by more than half as compared with March, according to official figures issued today.

While all the important traditional Far Eastern suppliers suffered in this setback, the sharp drop was due mainly to a virtual absence of imports from Mainland China which slumped to only 600 thousand square yards in April from the record total of 28.3 million in March and 1.7 million in April last year.

Total imports of this unprocessed cotton cloth in April at 20 million square yards compared with 44.6 million in March and 33 million square yards in April last year.

India Sinks Less

Imports from India fell to 7.3 million square yards in April from 13 million in March and 17.7 million square yards in April last year. Hongkong sent 7.7 million, against 8.5 million and 3.5 million respectively and Japan 3.4 million, against 3.7 million and 6.2 million.

The United Kingdom's exports of woven cotton piece goods in April were also down rather sharply at 31.6 million square yards, against 40.3 million in March and 37.6 million in April last year.—Reuters.

United Kingdom imports of Hongkong cloth dropped almost a million square yards in April as compared with those of the previous month, but a Trade Department spokesman said this morning: "There is nothing significant in this decrease."

The Government spokesman added: "The volume of trade is seasonal and orders vary quite a lot from month to month."

Wimbledon Bans Those Gold Panties

Paris, May 21.

Honey blonde American beauty Karol Fageros, who has startled Paris tennis fans by playing in 24-carat gold lame panties, was "bitterly disappointed" today when told she would not be allowed to wear them at Wimbledon.

The 24-year-old former college girl, told of the Wimbledon ban which was announced today, said: "Oh dear, I've spent 75 dollars (about £27) on those panties (she had three pairs made)."

Asked what she would do now, she said: "I am to be fitted by teddy-tying (Colonel) Teddy Fytting, designer of women's tennis wear, who designed the famous Gossie Gossie panties."

"Whatever Teddy designs for me I'll wear. I'm sure it will be dreamy."

MUST BE WHITE

In London today Colonel Duncan Macaulay, secretary of the All-England Club, Wimbledon, said Miss Fageros would not be allowed to wear the gold lame panties. "The rules state that players must wear white," he said.

And in New York, "georgie" Gussie Moran suggested today that women tennis players should retaliate against said Wimbledon officials by coming into the court "in long, angle-length bloomers—white of course."—Reuters.

LABOUR REBUFF TO RED FLAG MAN

London, May 21.

The Labour Party executive decided today to suspend from party membership Councillor John Lawrence, leader of the Socialist-controlled St. Pancras Borough Council, London.

They also decided to reorganise and suspend the local branch of the party.

Councillor Lawrence held the red flag over the St. Pancras town hall during the May Day celebrations. He was later fined following disturbances.—Reuters.

Palace Statement On Margaret-Townsend

London, May 21.

Buckingham Palace announced tonight that new reports of the possible engagement of Princess Margaret to Group Captain Peter Townsend are "entirely untrue."

BRITAIN IMPORTS MORE HK TOYS

London, May 21.

Britain is importing more toys from Hongkong, Germany and Japan but at the same time is increasing her own exports, it was disclosed here today.

Figures were given by Mr S. H. Powell, Chairman of the British Toy Manufacturers Association, at a lunch of the Association of toy and fancy goods factors.

He reported that whereas British toy imports for 1956 amounted to £1,808,000 they had "increased considerably" in 1957 to £2,333,000.

Or this total £204,000 worth came from Hongkong, £549,000 from Germany, and £148,000 from Japan.

British Output

Mr Powell disclosed that production of British toys increased last year to a new level of £35,853,000 worth while British exports rose from £7,160,000 in 1956 to £7,450,000 last year.

He added, he did not think the increase rate of imports was so serious when matched against the rising home production.—Reuters.

ALGERIA BORDER INCIDENTS

FRENCH PROTEST TO TUNISIA

Paris, May 22.

France has protested to Tunisia against incidents on the Tunisian-Algerian frontier on Tuesday night.

A Foreign Ministry announcement in Paris said one French soldier was killed and 10 wounded when insurgent bands coming from Tunisia attacked a French frontier post.

Other posts were harassed with mortar and automatic fire. One report from Tunis said the insurgents lost nine killed and 60 wounded.

Bloody Incident

In Algiers, the French Army said Tunisian forces were openly provoking French forces in this way to combat "the psychological influence" of demonstrations in which Moslems have joined the European settlers in welcoming the new regime in Algeria.

A Tunisian government spokesman tonight denied French Army reports of an exchange of fire across the Algerian-Tunisian border at Sakiet Sid Youssef.—Reuters.

Tunku Meets Man Who Saved His Life

Tokyo, May 21.

A former Japanese soldier who once saved the life of Tunku Abdul Rahman, the Prime Minister of Malaya, today bowed low and burst into tears when the two met at Tokyo airport.

The Malayan Prime Minister, arrived here today on a state visit to Japan.

The former soldier was Mr K. Okamura who was brought in a school in Kedah state.

He helped to save the Tunku's life during Japan's occupation of Malaya.

When the Tunku found Mr Okamura waiting for him in the waiting line he stepped up close to him, and clasped him round the shoulders.

As they parted, Mr Okamura, his eyes streaming with tears, bowed again.

Neither the Tunku nor Mr Okamura said a word. The two are scheduled to meet again later this week.—Reuters.

U.S. Should Resume Trade With China, He Says

San Francisco, May 21.

The United States should resume trade with Communist China, Mr Cyril Magnin, President of the San Francisco Port Authority, told a World Trade Week luncheon here today.

He said the continued ban on such trade "will endanger our leadership in the free world."

Mr Magnin said the United States "should attempt to make friends of our enemies through trade."

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Full Statement

The full statement said: "The Press Secretary (Commander Richard Colville) to the Queen is authorised to say that the report in the Tribune do Geneva concerning the possible engagement between the Princess Margaret and Group Captain Peter Townsend is entirely untrue."

"Her Royal Highness's statement of 1955 remains unaltered," a Buckingham Palace announcement by the Queen's Press Secretary said.

The statement was issued on behalf of Princess Margaret following reports of a possible engagement in the Swiss newspaper Tribune de Geneve.

The report in the Tribune de Geneve came from its London correspondent who said that the engagement might be announced soon.

'No Objections'

"Everything looks as if it is intended to prepare the general public for the announcement of the engagement which, according to well-informed sources, could be made in the very near future," the report said.

It is understood that Queen Elizabeth no longer has any objections and the communications from Buckingham Palace merely emphasize that the activities of the Princess are strictly private," it added.

Princess Margaret, now aged 27, made a statement on October 31, 1955 saying that she had decided not to marry the Group Captain because she was mindful of the teaching of the Church that Christian marriage is indissoluble and because of her duty to the Commonwealth.

Group Captain Townsend, 43, divorced his wife in 1952 and gained custody of their two sons, Giles and Hugo.

After the Princess had renounced marriage with him, he went on a 60,000-mile world tour from which he returned in March.

He had a reunion then with the Princess at Clarence House, her London home.

Speculation

That meeting started speculation of a revival of their romance which the Group Captain promptly denied through his solicitors.

Since March, he has taken his sons on a motoring holiday in Europe and crossed several times between Britain and Belgium.

In the last eight days, he is reported to have seen the Princess on three occasions.

Last night he was at Clarence House from 6 p.m. until midnight.

The Group Captain is expected to return to Brussels on Saturday. Princess Margaret is due to go to Scotland on Friday to join the Queen, Mother for Whitsun at Birkhall on the Balmoral estate.—Reuters.

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'Man In Space In 1960s'

Chicago, May 21.

Maj.-Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, Air Force missile chief, said today he hoped "to put a man into space" in the early 1960s.

General Schriever told a "Missile Age Briefing" of the civilian-operated Air Force Association that the Thor intermediate range ballistic missile had, on one occasion in October, 1957, flown 2,400 nautical miles, more than its range.

General Schriever also discussed "Project Able," which he called a "new refinement" of the Thor missile.

He said the Able was composed of "modified existing" equipment and used a Thor as a booster with a Vanguard engine as a second stage.

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Mao Rides In The East Wind

Peking, May 21.

Mao Tse-tung, leader of China, went for a ride today in the first car made in China, the New China News Agency reported. The car, a maroon six-seater sedan, completed on May 19 is called the "East Wind."—Reuters.

Bid To End Bus Strike Fails

London, May 21.

A Government move to end London's pay claim bus strike, now in its third week, today resulted in a stalemate.—Reuters.



Mr James H. Douglas at Koi Tak today with Air Commodore P. D. Holder, A.O.C., R.A.F., Hongkong. (China Mail Photo).

US Air Force Secretary Admits TOUGH SOVIET SCIENTIFIC COMPETITION

The Secretary of the United States Air Force, Mr James H. Douglas, said in Hongkong this morning that the launching of the third Russian satellite had made the American people realise the extraordinarily serious scientific competition that Russia was offering to the USA.

He was speaking at an informal Press conference after arriving here on a USAF Super Constellation in the course of a tour of American air force installations in the Far East.

He is accompanied by Mrs Douglas, General Laurence S. Kuter, who is the C-in-C, US Pacific Air Force, and Mrs Kuter and six other high-ranking USAF officials.

Progress

In his 30-day tour, he has visited Hawaii, Guam, the Philippines, Thailand, South Vietnam, Japan and South Korea. He will next visit Formosa and Okinawa before returning home.

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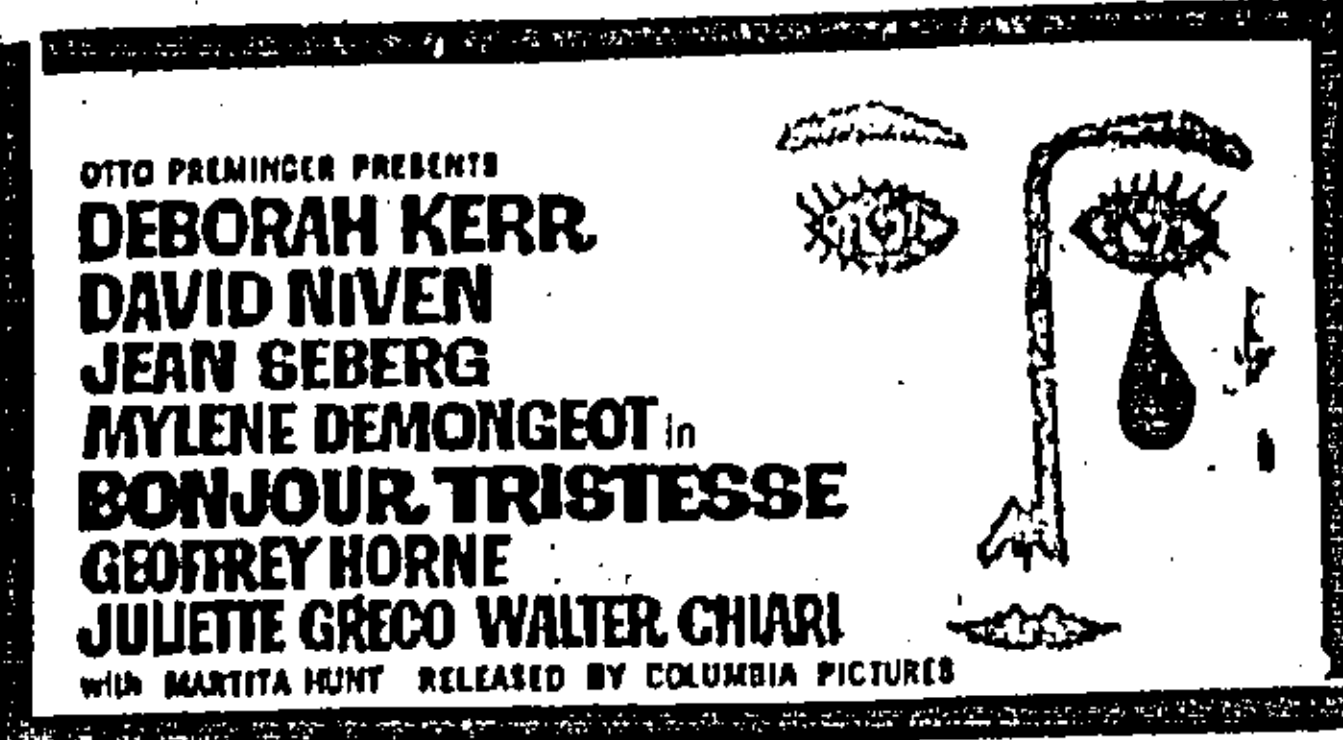


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KISHI'S GOVT EXPECTED TO BE RE-ELECTED

INDONESIAN PRO-REBEL GROUP IN MALAYA?

Kuala Lumpur, May 21. A secret pro-rebel Indonesian organisation comprising Sumatran patriots was thought to be operating in Malaya with the active support of some hardier trade representatives, according to reports here.

Government officials today denied existence of any such Sumatran group but Malay leaders said it was in operation.

Inche Ahmad Boestaman, President of Parti Rakyat, a Malay Socialist Party, said today he had received a threatening letter from such an organisation. He said it was signed "Sumatran Patriots in Malaya." He said the letter warned him that he must face the consequences if he did not stop "interfering" in Sumatran affairs.

THE WARNING

"The letter was posted in Perak and had been sent to the Police," Boestaman said. "I've long suspected there has been such an organisation in this country. The warning was given probably because of a recent statement I made regarding pro-rebel Indonesian activities in Malaya and Singapore."

Dato Abdul Razak, Minister of Defence, said he had no knowledge of such a movement in Malaya. "The Federation Government has made clear its attitude towards Indonesian affairs is that of non-interference. The Government regards the situation in Indonesia as exclusively the concern of Indonesia," United Press.

COMMITTEE RESTORES CUTS IN IKE'S BILL

Washington, May 21. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today voted to restore \$220 million (about \$78 million) of the \$339 million (about \$120 million) the House of Representatives had cut from President Eisenhower's \$3,924,092,500 (about \$1,401 million) Foreign Aid Programme.

The committee approved Mr Eisenhower's request for \$1,800 million (about \$642 million) in military funds while the House had voted only \$1,640 million (about \$585 million). The Senate committee also voted to grant the administration \$635 million (about \$208 million) in defence economic support funds for countries with whom the United States has defence pacts. The House had cut this item to \$775 million (about \$278 million).

The committee wrote into the Foreign Aid bill a declaration that it is in the interest of the United States to join other nations in providing India with "support of the type, magnitude, and duration adequate to assist India in completing her current programme for economic development."—Reuter.

ANCIENT FIND

Prague, May 21. Czechoslovak archaeologists have unearthed vestiges of a community 4,500 years old at Kyjov, Moravia, the C.T.K. news agency said today. The community was inhabited by farmers, the agency said, and its age was determined by the discovery of ornaments known as "Moravian painted ceramics," decorated in black, yellow and white.—France-Press.

COMMUNIST BLOC TO SHARPEN ECONOMIC RIVALRY WITH WEST

By VINCENT BUIST

Moscow, May 21. Western experts here believe Yugoslav "revisionism"—deviation from the Moscow line—is only a secondary issue on the agenda for the council of economic mutual assistance conference now going on in Moscow.

Main point, they feel, is discussion of a giant Soviet bid to raise Communist bloc living standards and to sharpen economic competition with the West.

Budapest Radio reported that discussion at the conference today centred on the intensification of economic relations between the Socialist countries.

SEVEN-YEAR PLAN

In 1950 the Soviet Union will embark on a seven-year plan to equip Soviet industry with a basis broad enough to overtake the United States within a generation.

This task will be made easier if the rest of the Soviet bloc adopts economic programmes geared in fine detail to such a stupendous effort.

Heavy industry will get the lion's share of the raw materials available, but prospects for light industry are also sure to brighten, because Soviet leaders are eager to produce as many consumer goods inside the bloc as possible.

They feel this will stimulate the workers and give form to the Russian dream of a luxury Socialist system.

DEFENCE STRATEGY

The Warsaw Pact meeting, to be held in Moscow on Saturday at the close of the present conference, might be called on to adapt Soviet bloc defence strategy over the next few years.

The two Moscow meetings are expected to result in a communiqué on economic, political and defence issues, possibly linked with a further appeal for peaceful economic competition with the West and a relaxation of political hostility between the two blocs.

Japanese Go To Polls Today

By LEROY HENSEN

Tokyo, May 22. Japanese voters elect today a new House of Representatives which will determine whether this strategic nation maintains its pro-American course or swings to the left toward Russia and Communist China.

At stake is the entire 467-seat House. Contesting are 951 Liberal-Democrats, Socialists, Communists and Independents.

The outlook: Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi's pro-West Liberal-Democratic Party will win a majority but the Socialists will pick up seats estimated variously as from 10 to 20.

Dissolved

The Lower House of the Diet which Kishi dissolved to pave the way for today's elections—the first in three years—contained 290 Liberal-Democrats, 156 Socialists, 16 Communists, two Independents and 15 vacancies.

Kishi has his heart set on winning at least 310 seats, 20 more than he has now but three less than the two-thirds majority he needs for any revision of the Constitution, which he wants.

It was the first two-party election in recent Japanese history, a system made possible by the consolidation of the Liberal and Democratic parties with the left-wing Socialists.

Political sources predicted a heavy turnout from the 52,000,000 voters, particularly since the day has been declared a national holiday.

In the last elections, in 1955, 37,000,000 or 75.8 per cent of the eligible voters cast ballots.

Basic Points

Basic points in the Liberal-Democratic and Socialist Party platforms:

Liberal—Democrats—go to operation with "free nations"; close ties with the United States; revision of the constitution; opposition to nuclear tests; economic but no political ties with Communist nations; development of the nation's defence force with "modern arms provided by science and technology"; economic development of Southeast Asia with Japanese aid; no recognition of Communist China until the United Nations does; return of Japanese territory held by Russia.

Socialists—Abrogation of the U.S.-Japan Security Pact and formation of a Japan-U.S.-Russia-Red China collective security system; a free and independent diplomacy not subservient to either the U.S. or Russia; immediate and unconditional suspension of nuclear tests; declaration of Japan as an atom-free zone; diplomatic relations with Red China; gradual reduction in defence forces; a ban on import by the U.S. of nuclear weapons into Japan; conclusion of a peace treaty with Russia and a "rational solution" of Japan's territorial claims against the Soviet.—United Press.

Device To Bring Spaceman Home Safe

Washington, May 21. A military contractor said today his firm was ready to build a recovery device that would bring a man home safely from a rocket trip into space.

The statement was made by Walter C. Hasselhorn, President of Cook Electric Co. of Chicago. The firm's research division designed and built the intricate parachute-and-bulloon mechanism used to recover the 3,000-pound nose cone of a Jupiter missile from the Atlantic Ocean last Sunday.

ADVANCED VERSION

Cook representatives told a news conference the recovery system used on Sunday was an advanced version of one built by the same firm and used to retrieve a small-scale Jupiter nose cone on August 8 last year.

Mr Hasselhorn said the new model, with some modifications, could bring a man down safely from a space flight. He said Cook had submitted proposals to the Army Ballistic Missiles Agency for the project.—United Press.

Double Shift In Singapore Talks

London, May 21. After a second two hours shift in the form of a plenary session this afternoon, the Singapore constitutional conference announced its intention of working a double shift tomorrow afternoon to clear up matters before the Whitson weekend.

A working group will meet early tomorrow afternoon followed by a plenary session with the Colonial Secretary Alan Lennox-Boyd, in the chair. This will permit the Singapore delegation to utilise the Whitson weekend to check the drafting of the Order in Council which will promulgate the new constitution some time next winter.—France-Press.

Tomatoes Bad

Algiers, May 21. Tomatoes are rotting in the fields of Algeria because they cannot be exported, usually well informed sources said here today.—Reuter.

SOCIALISTS REJECT SOVIET OVERTURES

London, May 21. The British Labour Party today again rejected overtures made to it by the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee.

The Labour Party's executive meeting here declined a Soviet invitation to co-operate in measures for the defence of peace and international security.

They approved the text of a letter informing the Russians they were not able to co-operate with the Soviet Communist Party.

The letter said: "It is necessary to remind your Central Committee that the Labour Party maintains associations only with foreign parties who share the common democratic Socialist faith and not with foreign governments."

The Labour Party previously rejected Soviet overtures in a letter sent last October to Mr Nikita Khrushchev, Soviet Prime Minister.

Today they were replying to a further Soviet appeal made last month.—Reuter.

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Communications To Algeria Are Resumed

Paris, May 21.

CRISIS-RIDDEN France showed the first small signs of relaxing today, as the Senate followed the lead of the National Assembly in renewing the Government's emergency powers.

Riot squads were no longer in evidence in the Paris streets. In Algiers, strikers returned to work. The ban on telegrams between France and Algeria is being lifted from midnight tonight. Air Algeria planes have started flights to various European centres, taking out stranded foreigners, though travel between Algeria and France remains restricted.

Military and political leaders worked behind the scenes to avert the threatened national split.

M. Pierre Pflimlin, the Premier, told the Senate that the French in Algeria had showed they were prepared to accept important reforms and this would give us considerable aid in building a new Algeria.

He is sending his new Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces, General Henri Lottin, to Algeria to study the military situation — a non-political mission — official sources said.

Colonel de Juilly, an aide of General Raoul Salan, Commander-in-Chief in Algeria, is also going back, after long talks in Paris with the Defence Minister, M. Pierre Chevigne.

President Coty today received M. Robert Lecourt, Minister of Justice, for talks on the promised constitutional reforms to strengthen the executive after M. Lecourt had seen the Premier.

Resistance

A French "resistance" committee against Fascism announced today that it had set up 160 local committees.

General de Gaulle meanwhile remained in seclusion at his country house, writing his memoirs, but saw members of his staff who came by car from Paris.

M. Antoine Pinay, former Premier and leader of the Conservatives in the National Assembly today offered to call on

General de Gaulle on behalf of the Prime Minister and the Socialist Deputy Premier, M. Guy Mollet, to negotiate terms on which de Gaulle would return to power.

But so far nothing has come of this offer.

General de Gaulle said at his recent press conference that he would be prepared to return under an undisclosed "special procedure" for investiture by the National Assembly.

The Socialists have said this would be a violation of the constitution.

Hostile

M. Mollet is awaiting developments but is reported not ready to host the formation of a de Gaulle government in which he and the Socialist Party would play a key role.

Some Cabinet ministers think the excitement of the settlers in Algeria will gradually die down, but many people do not share this belief.

The Senate approved the renewal of special powers in Algeria by 233 votes to 62 against, thus completing parliamentary action on the bill. It was approved overwhelmingly last night by the Lower House.

The Senate also unanimously adopted a motion of tribute to the Army for its services, particularly in Algeria.

M. Pflimlin told the Senate that the special powers would be delegated to the military authorities in Algeria.

He affirmed that General Salan had "never conducted himself in a manner dishonouring to the Republic."

He warned that France must not "live in dreams" or believe that her troubles would suddenly cease.

But the apparent Franco-Algerian rapprochement in Algeria created "new prospects" he said.

Powers

M. Paul Reynaud, Conservative former Prime Minister, tabled a motion in the National Assembly for a constitutional revision, which would enable the Assembly to delegate its powers to the government.

He proposed to increase the stability of governments by the "semi-automatic" dissolution of the Assembly if the government were overthrown during its first two years of existence.

M. Pinay saw both M. Pflimlin and President Coty today. According to sources close to the Conservative leader, he urged the need to make contact with General de Gaulle to clarify the means by which he might eventually take office.

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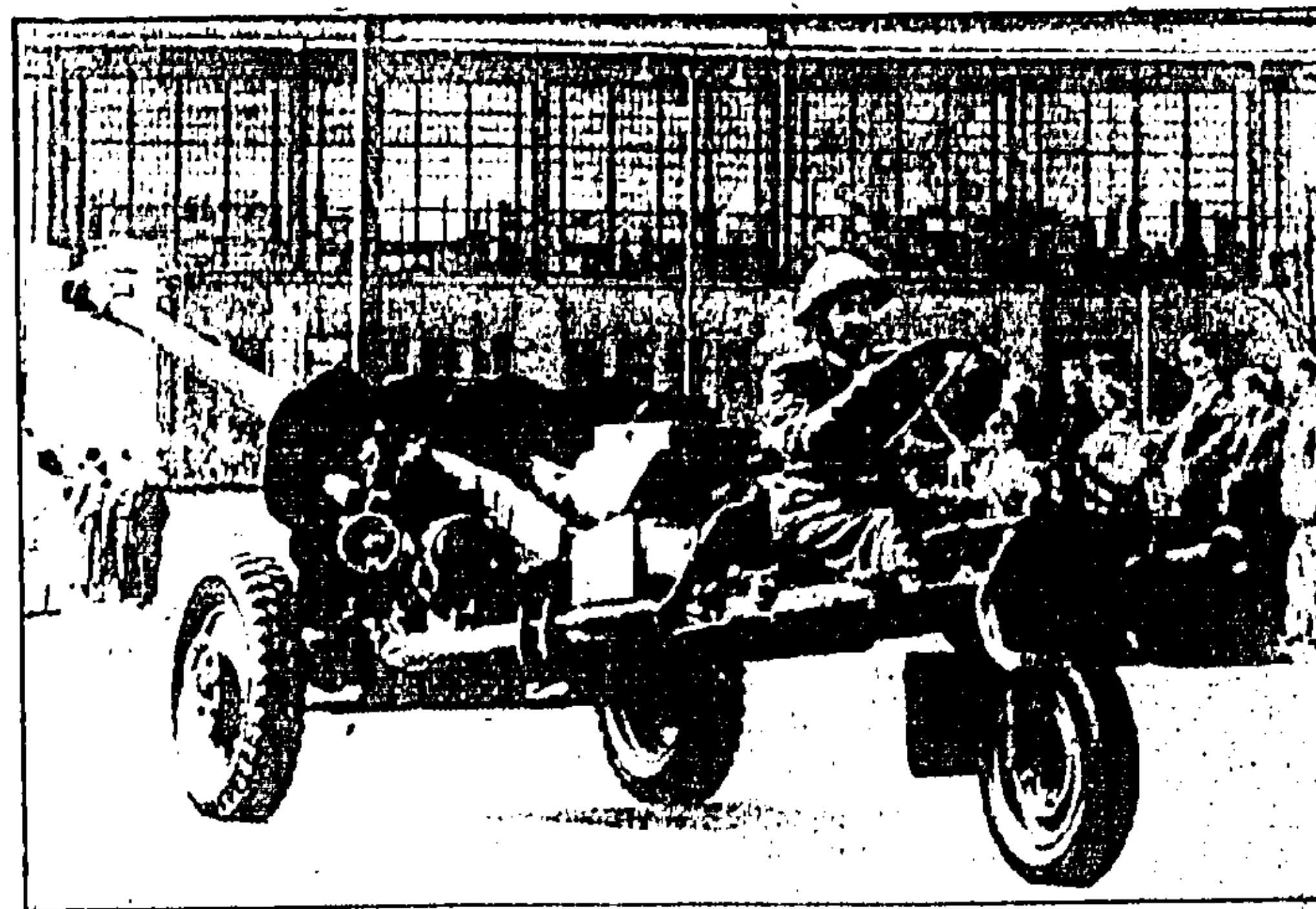
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Mobile—And Deadly



UNITS of the Communist-controlled East German Army paraded through the streets of the Marx-Engels Platz, in East Berlin recently. Seen in a mobile gun which is fitted with a motor inside. This gun can be driven and handled just like a car and was one of the newer weapons in the parade.—Keystone.

RAF SERGEANT CLAIMS WORLD RECORD FOR GLIDING

Bonn, May 21.

A Royal Air Force Sergeant today claimed a world gliding record by flying from Gloucestershire to Holland — after shipping in the English Channel had been alerted to watch for his "missing" machine.

Sergeant Andy Gough, taking part in the R.A.F. Gliding and Soaring Association's competition, took off from South Cerney, Gloucestershire, in his single seater Skylark III glider.

Radio messages were issued later alerting all Channel shipping to keep a sharp lookout for the "overdue" glider, last seen heading out from Dover.

But the glider landed safely at Heerlen, just over the Dutch border, west of Cologne. Sergeant Gough phoned the nearby R.A.F. station at Gellenkirchen and announced: "I am here, have landed in a field."—Reuter.

MORE DOCKERS STRIKE IN LONDON

London, May 21. Another 7,000 dockers today joined a strike by 3,500 workers in the port of London.

The strike began last week in support of strikers at Smithfield Meat Market.

Dock Labour Board officials are afraid thousands more men may stop work tomorrow at the vast Royal group of docks, where much of Britain's imported meat is handled. Idle ships now totalled 25.—Reuter.

Submarine Goes At 50 Knots

SEATBELTS FOR CREW IN NEW NUCLEAR CRAFT

Groton, May 21. The spectacular antics which her designer makes possible.

In effect, Skipjack incorporates some features of aircraft. She will have a pilot and co-pilot, and the sub will have joystick controls similar to airplanes.

The pilot's will sit in bucket seats, wearing safety belts to keep them from being pitched onto the deck when they put Skipjack through her paces under the sea.

Unofficial sources say Skipjack will be able to make approximately 60 knots, when going at top speed below the waves.

Skipjack will cost at least \$6 million dollars, and there will be six others like her — subs that can outdistance the fastest destroyers, — United Press.

An Uneasy Quiet Hangs Over The Lebanon

Beirut, May 21.

The Lebanese Cabinet met here today under the Prime Minister, Mr. Sami el Solh, who was reported to be ready to offer his resignation if this would facilitate a solution to the national crisis.

While the Ministers met, Beirut passed its quietest morning since the emergency began. No explosions or acts of violence were reported in the capital today, although many shops remained closed.

A Foreign Ministry communiqué said there was a marked improvement in the general security situation throughout the country during the past 24 hours.

News of an impending press conference by President Chamoun sent Lebanese rushing to their radio sets, eager to know whether an end to the crisis was at hand.

Reports from Tripoli, the northern oil port, said appeals were being made there from the loud speakers of mosques in the old city asking the rebels to avoid clashes with the security force.

Compromise

The Lebanese Cabinet was making an effort to reach a compromise solution in the 11-day crisis.

Opposition Members of Parliament announced yesterday that they still insisted that President Camille Chamoun's resignation was the only acceptable basis for a solution.

Some reports said President Chamoun would ask General Fuad Chehab, Commander-in-Chief of the Army, to form a new Cabinet if Mr. Sami el Solh resigned.—Reuter.

U.S. Aid?

Washington, May 21. American officials disclosed today that the State Department has granted export licenses for shipment to the Indonesian Central Government of arms, ammunition and other equipment for the Constabulary and police forces.—United Press.

He Bit The Hand That Fed Him

New York, May 21.

An exporter was sentenced to four years' imprisonment today for cheating merchants in Thailand and Vietnam.

Federal Judge Frederick van Belt Bryant called Stanley Hecht, 53, a "cheap chiseller who showed a flagrant disregard for the laws of this country and our foreign policy".

The Judge fined Hecht and his firm, the World Over Export Trade Corporation, \$35,000 in the Federal Court action.

FALSE STATEMENTS

Hecht, a Czechoslovakian who was naturalized in 1951, was convicted of filing false statements with the International Co-operation Administration and issuing false bills of lading in shipments of metal.

The U.S. Attorney's Office said the exporter certified shipments of metals at much over their true weight — and made Vietnam and Thailand pay the difference.

Judge Bryant remanded Hecht to gaol, denying a request for bail with these words: "The defendant is not a fit subject for bail. He bit the hand that fed him."—United Press.

WE'RE STILL AHEAD, U.S. OFFICIAL SAYS

Miami Beach, May 21. Secretary of Defence Neil H. McElroy said today it would be 10 months before Russia could offer a real threat to the United States with its long range ballistic missiles.

McElroy said it was the thinking of the Pentagon that the United States would not be at the mercy of any enemy because of its airpower and development of U.S. intermediate range missile bases abroad.

Considering all U.S. capabilities, "We believe that we have equivalent or greater power than the Soviets," he said.—United Press.

"It Wasn't Only The Reds"

NIXON'S VIEWS ON REASONS FOR RIOTS ON HIS TOUR

Washington, May 21.

Vice-President Richard Nixon said today it would be a "great mistake" to attribute the violence which greeted him in Latin America just to Communists.

He told the National Press Club: "It is true that the Communists spearheaded the attack, but they had a lot of willing spear carriers along with them."

He said the stone-throwing incidents in Caracas, Venezuela, happened because there were real problems in United States-Venezuelan relations.

He referred to the granting of asylum in the United States to the former Venezuelan Dictator, General Marcos Perez Jimenez, the feeling that the United States supported dictators, and economic problems.

Mr. Nixon added: "All these issues were played upon by the Communists very effectively and used to stir up the people in such a way that they would resort to violence to a visitor from abroad, which is completely out of character for the Venezuelan people generally."

Bid To End Bus Strike Fails

London, May 21.

EFFORTS to end London's bus strike ended in a stalemate today.

Sir John Elliot, chairman of London Transport, talked with officials at the Labour Ministry for 75 minutes.

Afterwards he told reporters: "It does not think there is any greater chance for a quick settlement than when I came in."

But he hoped a reasonable basis would be found for discussion with union leaders.—Reuter.

'My Fair Lady' Affects London's Dustmen

London, May 21.

The top-hatted dustman of Hounslow, London suburb, today were ordered to keep their elegant outfits for off-duty hours.

Four refuse-collectors who found discarded top hats, frock coats and spats had been wearing the outfits to manhandle the bins until the local council clamped down.

The new fashion trend for dustmen was set in the hit musical "My Fair Lady," Stanley Holloway, as Eliza's dustman, wears a grey top hat and spats when he comes into money.

Names of the four dustmen dandies were not disclosed by the council.—China Mail Special.

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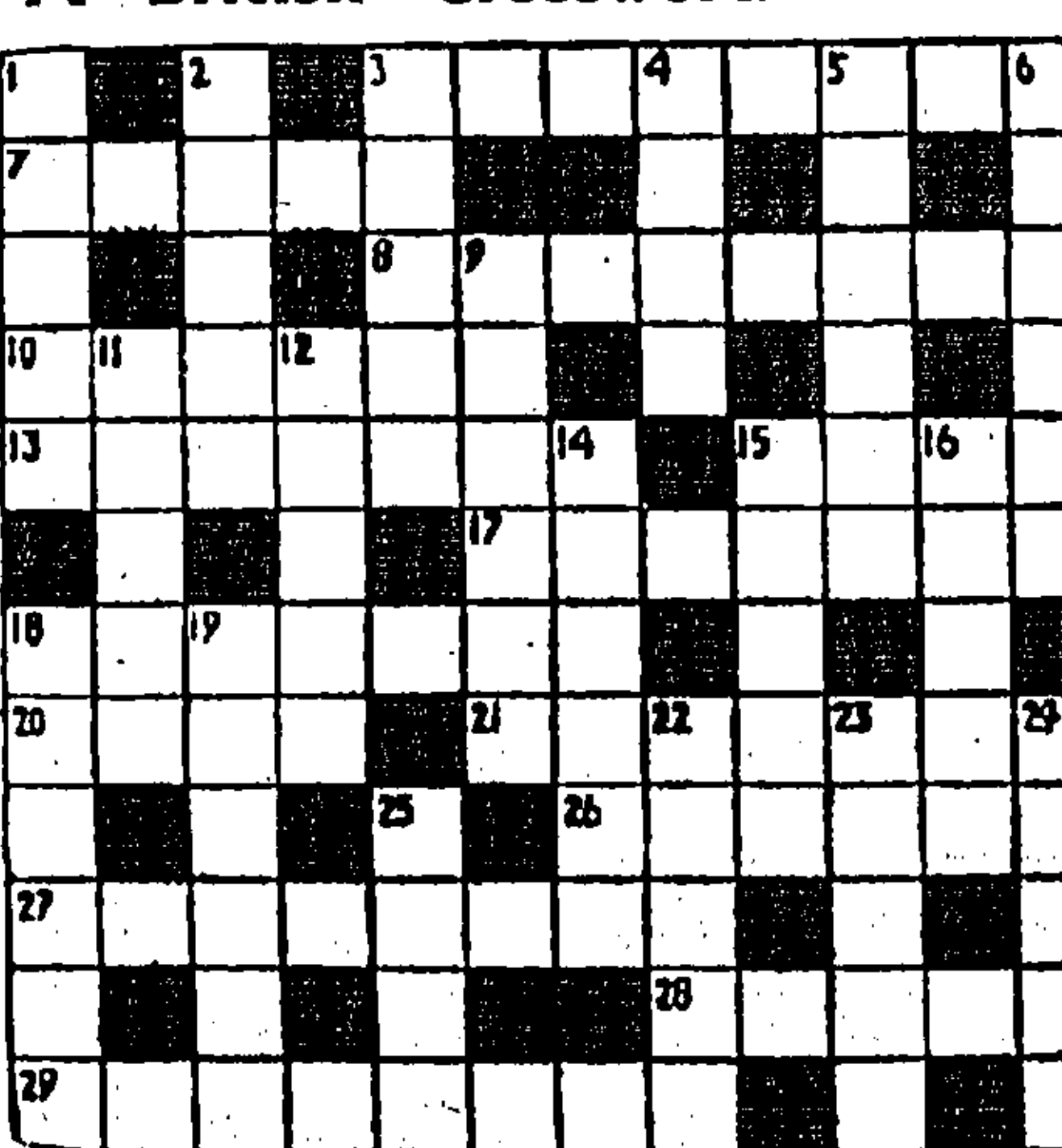
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A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 Spotted-dog country? (8).
7 Greeting blades with a ring (5).
8 Worrying pressures? (8).
10 Bit of gammon, maybe (6).
13 Removes from office (7).
15 Baths (4).
17 Puffery? (7).
18 Such intent is far from friendly (7).
20 Copies monkey? (4).
21 Male name (7).
26 Used one of one's senses (8).
27 OK (3, 5).
28 Not slumbering (5).
29 Are they partial to church duties? (8).

DOWN
1 No class on railways, these days (5).
2 Take to one's bosom? (5).
3 Measured quantities (5).
4 Banned people, we've been told (4).
5 Paper which is a mass of lies? (6).
6 Fools start to make a volun-tarily (7).
9 Chorister's chance? (6).
11 His stories were simply fabulous (5).
12 Crows which give parties (5).
14 CID man? (6).
15 Taunts (5).
16 Support a couple (6).
18 Plague (6).
19 Duly impressed? (6).
22 Old Nick (5).
23 Mountains of maps (5).
24 Got nearer, being sharp (5).
25 Nice, for knocking down! (4).

WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Lapped, 5 Sinec, 8 Risen, 9 Stress, 10 Thorn, 11 Bludge, 12 Rods, 13 Oracle, 16 Skower, 18 Solace, 20 Scene, 22 Menu, 23 Snare, 25 Topid, 26 Garret, 27 Defer, 28 Slides, 29 Slides. **Down:** 1 Lustrous, 2 Paradoxe, 3 Erse, 4 Dialk, 5 Set down, 6 Inhere, 7 Egret, 14 Arrested, 16 Enquiries, 18 Slender, 19 Emerged, 19 On side, 21 Cheer, 24 Earl.

MARLON BRANDO, that highly individualistic actor, has created his "hottest" role ever in his interpretation of the part of a young Nazi officer, Christian Dietl, in the film "The Young Lions." Here, in this Express version of the film LEONARD MOSLEY shows how Brando moulds Irwin Shaw's character into that of a man gradually growing aware of the hopelessness of a cause. And how the destinies of two American soldiers are shaping towards a meeting of them all as the war ends. This is Chapter THREE.

THE YOUNG LIONS



HARDENBURG PULLED DIESTL CLOSE. HE WHISPERED, "YOU MUST BRING ME A BAYONET."

WHAT gives the fascination to a character like Christian Dietl is the way in which his thought-processes work. If you call him a Nazi, he gets offended.

When the people of Occupied France look at him with barely concealed contempt, or go out of their way to insult him, he is deeply hurt.

He considers himself a reasonably independent, civilised and intelligent member of the German Army. He stands for decency and the rules of war—or so he thinks.

So when he finds himself, a duty in Paris, picking up small boys as suspected members of the Resistance, or when he hears arrested Frenchmen being tortured in the next room of the Gestapo, his clearly view of life is appalled.

He doesn't fight back against the evil obscenities going on around him. He goes to his superior officer, Captain Hardenburg, and applies for a transfer. "I want to go back to fighting," he says. "I cannot do this kind of work. Because it

"Neither of us is very happy in France," says Dietl.

"You'll have to be patient," retorts Gretchen Hardenburg. "I'm arranging to have him moved to an active theatre."

Can help the captain to a brilliant army career." She pauses, and then: "Perhaps I could do it for you... with a small effort. The general is on Rommel's staff."

There is a knock on the door. It is the general's chauffeur, and she tells him she will be right down. And as Dietl rises she looks him full in the face.

"Are you in a hurry to go somewhere?" No. Then stay. I won't be too long."

She pulls on her wrap and walks, superbly conscious of her carriage, towards the door, and there she turns.

"You'll wait? That's wonderful. Now have another drink. Lieutenant. Take some caviar. See how the home front suffers!"

She closes the door softly behind her. Christian Dietl puts a cushion on the floor, puts a bottle of vodka beside it, and sits down.

When Gretchen Hardenburg comes back, several hours later, he is half asleep. She waits across, slips off her shoe, and nudges him with her toe. He opens his eyes and pours her a drink.

"Can you really do this—arrange a transfer for me to the front?" he asks.

"With a small effort." She removes her coat, puts on a soft dance record, and then goes to the mirror. There she dresses the delicate black lace over her ash-coloured hair and white shoulders.

"How are the girls in Paris?" she asks.

Diestl frowns. "French—and very patriotic."

She comes towards him, fondling the lace seductively. "In that case... welcome to Germany."

Next morning he feels much better, in every possible way.

In America

Across the ocean, in an army barracks in the Deep South of America, Noah Ackerman and Michael Whiteacre are having their troubles with the army too, but not solving them with quite such a soft and silky solution.

For Whiteacre, of course, things will work out in the end. For his type, they always do.

and then reaches for paper and pencil. Whiteacre urges him to forget what has happened, but Ackerman is to keep his last vestige of pride—his prize in himself—he knows that this is the point of no return.

He pins a notice on the barrack-room board. "To the personnel of Company C," he writes. "Twenty dollars has been stolen from Private Noah Ackerman, 2nd Platoon. I am not interested in the return of the money and will press no charges."

"I wish to take my satisfaction, in person, with my own hands. Will the soldier involved please communicate with me immediately."

Back-alley

Next morning there is a note lying on his bed. "We took the money," it says. "We're waiting for you. Pvt. Donnelly, Pvt. Burnecker, Pvt. Cowley, Pvt. Brallsford."

They are the four biggest men in the camp....

And while Ackerman meets his painful moments of martyrdom in a back-alley behind the barracks, the war is beginning to straighten out a little for Whiteacre and Diestl.

Whiteacre has got his posting to a Service unit and will soon be on his way to Europe, and a soft job, helping to keep the wheels of the army turning—but strictly behind the front lines.

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They are on a motor-cycle, speeding westwards towards Tunis, in a desperate effort to evade the all-enveloping British, and the bullets or the prison cage that will be their fate if they are caught.

"Keep going," he shouts from the pillion, as Diestl nods with exhaustion. "Damn you, keep awake. Talk to me. Say anything."

"All right," says Diestl. "How far do we have to go now?"

"Four hundred kilometres. Seven hours."

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A Nazi retreats from his beliefs

DIESTL is finding fulfilment in the desert. With a command crew they surprise a British Army formation encamped in the desert.

With skill and ferocious efficiency, they move in with mortars and machine-guns. It is a brilliant ambush. All around them the British lie among their burning cars and lorries. Some of them are dead, but many of them are wounded. They wander around, dazed, bleeding, bewildered. One of them comes staggering up towards Diestl.

"We cannot take prisoners," says Hardenburg. And then, turning to Diestl and pointing at the dazed and wounded British soldier—

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BRANDO AS DIESTL WITH MAY BRITT —A DATE IN BERLIN

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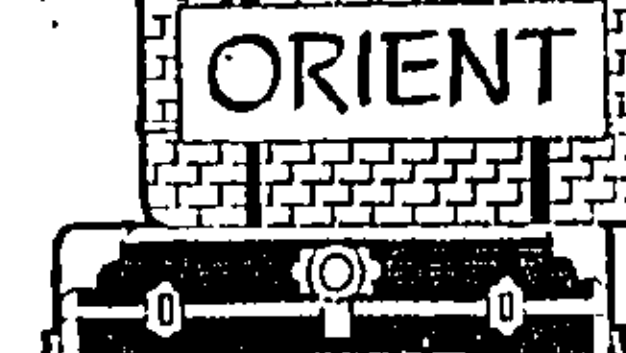
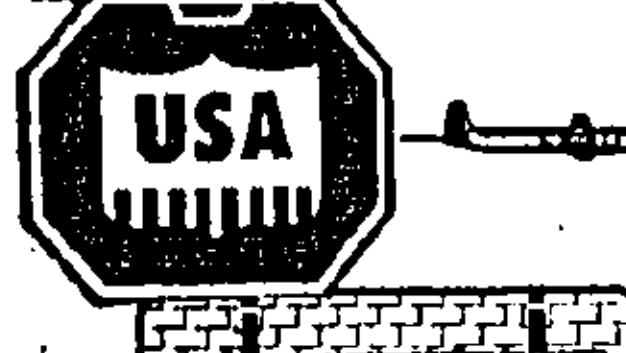
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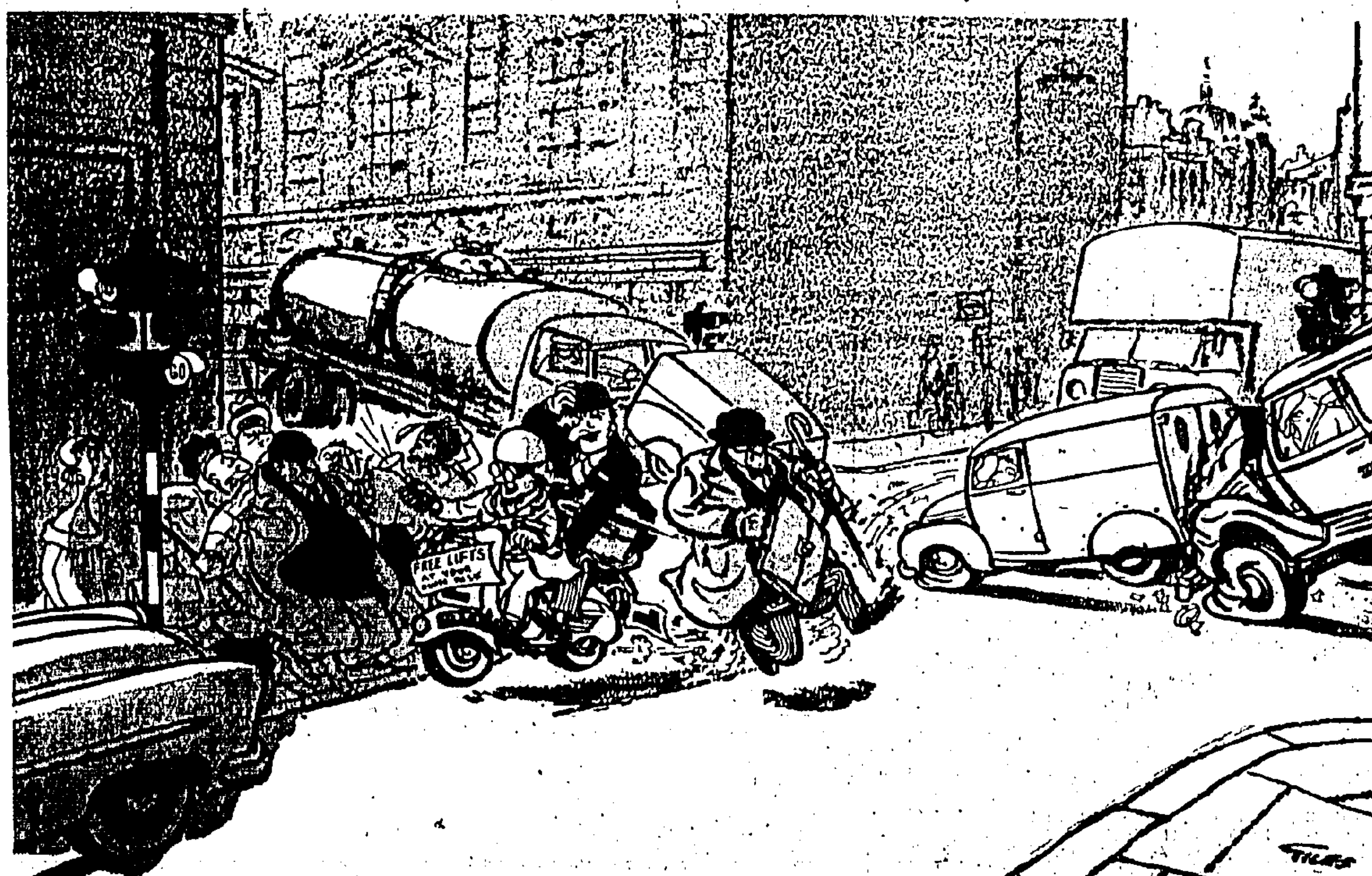
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"I'll bet you didn't notice my L-plates when you thumbed for a lift, Sir."

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Reverse Vienna
Coup Is Rare

BY OSWALD JACOBY

NORTH's four-club bid was Gerber and asked for aces. South's four spades showed two aces (a four-diamond response would have shown none, etc.).

North's leap to seven was a bad bid. Seven diamonds would have been a lay-down. Dr. Richard Greene of New Orleans, who sat South, could only count 12 top tricks when he looked at dummy. He won the opening club lead in dummy and started after diamonds. On the third diamond West signalled with the ace of spades and Dick chose to believe that signal. Now the simple spade finesse was not

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| Pass Pass | | |
| Opening lead—♠9 | | |

going to work, but Dick could still make the hand by means of a Vienna coup if West should show up with the king of hearts. Dick decided that West would not have signalled so strongly in spades if he also held the king of hearts.

Dick still had one shot in his locker. He led the queen of hearts from dummy. East covered with the king and Dick won with the ace. The last two diamonds and all the clubs were cashed and Dick let his two little hearts go.

West can't out of plays on the last club. He chose to unguard his queen of spades rather than commit suicide by leading the jack of hearts go, and Dick had made his grand slam by means of a transferred Vienna coup.

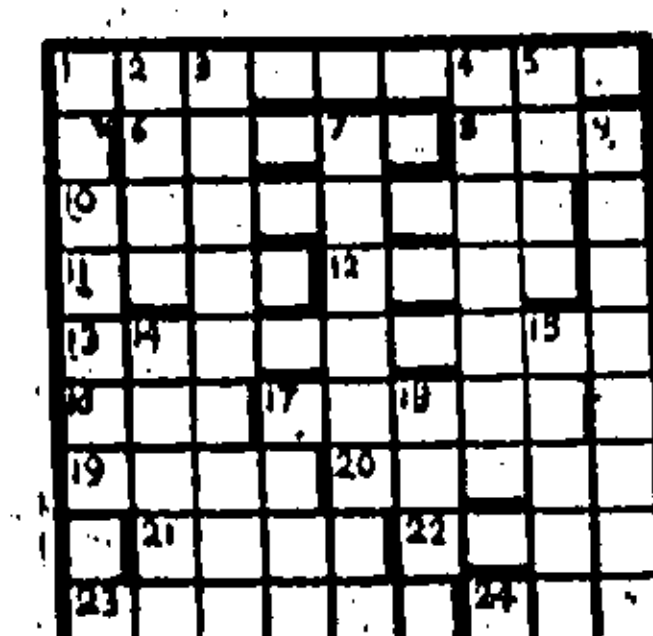
Incidentally, the play is so rare that I have seen it only twice before in my 40 years of play.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
1st South West North
2nd 1♥ 1♥ Double Pass
Pass 1♥ 1♥ Double Pass
You, South, hold:
♠A Q 7 5 3 ♦K 3 ♣Q J 10 8 4
What do you do?
A—Bid two clubs. This may be a very good spot.

TODAY'S QUESTION
You hold the same hand. Your partner has rescued you to one spade after West's double and East has passed. What do you do now?
Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Yorkshire resort. (9)
2. Physical training centre. (9)
3. Cockney (6)
4. Part. (4)
5. Circus equipment. (5-4)
6. Circus animal. (3)
7. Polish. (5)
8. People at a football match. (4)
9. Musical instrument. (6)
10. Part of the foot. (4)
11. Old Persian. (5)
12. Thruway. (6)
13. Fish. (8)
Down
1. Conductor's order. (6, 5)
2. Bitter fruit. (4)
3. Qualities. (9)
4. Drawn out. (5)
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Women's World

A KIND word can accomplish more than a strong hand, says the new head of one of the largest prisons for women. "I feel that one of the most vital parts of my job at first is to win the respect of the girls," said Martha Wheeler, who became superintendent of the Ohio Reformatory for Women on 1st April. "To do this I'll follow a pattern of absolute honesty."

She will oversee 300 women whose sentences range from murder to shoplifting. She believes inmates should have the fullest advantages of religion, education, recreation and human relations to prepare them for their lives inside as well as outside.

The women now get hair-dressing and manicuring facilities plus their own rooms, which they can decorate as they choose.

Miss Wheeler is pleased that she rarely hears from women who have been under her care. She has a genuine fondness for inmates, but she feels that "an inmate who is paroled and keeps in contact with the prison is like a child tied to his mother's apron strings, and that isn't healthy."

MARTHA Reading, a lieutenant-colonel in the Civil

YOUR BIRTHDAY

THURSDAY, MAY 22

BORN on this first day of the thirteenth sign, Gemini, you are ruled by Mercury, the god of knowledge and are essentially the artist, scientist and inventor. Your ideas are exceptionally high and because you fear you cannot reach perfection, you are often thrown into moods of despondency and despair. There is a definite duality in your nature as well. Combined with the artistic, there is a practical, common sense streak which tries at intervals to get control of your life. You are always in conflict with yourself as to whether or not you should abandon art and be satisfied with the more mundane things. You sometimes question your own genius and feel that you must "make do" with things as they are. "Make do" if you are satisfied with what you will get. If you make demands upon your life, you will get more. It is entirely up to you what you make of your life. You have an emotional and a rational nature and are easily influenced by those you love. January and June appear to be your lucky months. You have a new project. Your enthusiasm and energy is then at its peak.

You have a good head for business and are not one to be left behind in any financial deal. The processes of money-making in business do not particularly interest you, but you have that flair for knowing a good thing when you see it and getting in on the ground floor!

Wed at an early age, for you are happiest when you have your own home and family. You women will sacrifice a career if it appears to interfere with your domestic life. With you, marriage and its obligations come first. Fond of children, you will want a large family of your own.

Among those born on this date were: Richard Wagner, composer; Arthur Tappan, merchant and philanthropist; Sir Robert Baden-Powell, English Boy Scout leader; Worthington, Whitbridge, landscape painter; and Paul Morton, railroad administrator and politician.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—A multitude of prospects may be put before you for consideration. Be sure that you select what is best for you now.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Blame no one but yourself if things do not go the way you want them to. Signs are right. Are you? Stay calm.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—The force of your personality is what puts a thumb over today, for conflicting tendencies need special care.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—There is an undercurrent of perplexity which you can control if you take a firm hand. Get in the driver's seat and stay there.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Best results if you stick to normal routine. Avoid getting into something new if you can't hurry!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Definitely not a day to take even a calculated risk. Guard your good will and your reputation on the job.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 23)—All is not gold that glitters, so take good long looks at an opportunity which seems too good to be true!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be careful not to answer in wrath. Pay close attention to some partnership business plan. Don't be misled.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Firmly co-operate with pay line dividends, but be tactful in your approach, especially when giving advice.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Pay close attention to duty and be sure that you wind up the week's work satisfactorily before closing time.

CHESS NEWS

By LEONARD BARDEN

SUSSEX are now almost certain winners of the Southern group of the Counties' Championship. A fortnight ago they crushed Oxfordshire in London by 10-4, and this left their rivals, Surrey, with a big deficit in games average to make up.

Last Saturday Surrey went to Oxford, who put up a much tougher fight on their home ground and are only one game down with two to be adjudicated. Both these positions are likely to draw and Surrey will need to beat Sussex by around 14-5 in the decisive match at Eastbourne on March 22. This is a task almost certainly beyond them.

Solution No. 5403: 1... P-B4; 2 R x Q; R x B; 3 Q-K2; R x B; 4 R x R; R x B dis. ch; White resigns.

London Express Service

This Funny World



"If he hadn't insisted on being a pal and buddy, we'd make better time!"

WOMANSENSE

I suspect that Hartnell has a new West End sensation here... It's all part of the scramble to make the theatre the big shop window for fashion



DRAWING BY ROBB

by BARBARA GRIGGS

THERE is every sign that the theatre is becoming one of fashion's most successful shop windows. There were Dior dresses in the play "Duel of Angels."

Terence Rattigan's new play, "Variation on a Theme," has followed... bringing a turn in British couture.

Starring in it is Margaret Leighton. And hoping for a share of the applause is top couturier Norman Hartnell.

The spectacular wardrobe he has designed for Miss Leighton is drawn above by Robb. And night after night, to full house after full house, the theatre's most elegant clothes-horse will be showing off the kind of magnificent, rich woman's clothes that Hartnell excels at.

For the public, it means a change from the sort of Hartnell clothes seen and photographed so often on other Top People.

For Hartnell, a chance to let his fancy run riot designing for a sensationally elegant woman, and not one Hartnell gimmick has been left out: the furs and the draperies, the glitter and the extravagance.

The most, in fact, for the tops.

Household Hints

Colour is an important factor in your life, so consider its psychological effects on you and your family when you decorate a room.

If you are inclined to be nervous, for example, you will probably feel calmer in the midst of the cool colours, like blue and green. Experiment with yellows and touches of orange or red if you often feel the need of a lift.

In ironing, always attack first those parts that can hang off the board without wrinkling—collars and cuffs are examples. If you iron the larger sections first, they will likely be wrinkled again as you work on the smaller parts.

- 1 A SHORT chiffon evening dress with ballooning back—hobble skirt, tulle train—pleated and draped in a bright southern pink.
- 2 A SOBER little trench coat in dark beige wool jersey that flings open to show a lining of gaudy white fox and crystal embroidery.
- 3 THE RICH play-woman's uniform. Coffee beige shantung silk shirt—teaming up with long, slender jersey jeans in a stronger coffee.
- 4 BACK to the 'twenties—and front too. A short evening dress in wicked white crane, heavily loaded with iridescent crystals.
- 5 BOMBSHELL of a dress in night-life blue, with a fitting jersey top of deadly simplicity running into a skirt of shirred tulle.
- 6 A PRETTY upstage coat—in startling pink tulle with a colossal back view. Worn over that super colossal chiffon pink dress.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Henrietta's Good News

—O'Scowl Thinks She Cackles Too Much—

By MAX TRELL

"I WOULDN'T do it! No sir! I wouldn't do it at all!"

The voice was that of Pixie O'Scowl. Even before they reached the edge of the Pine Tree Grove where the Hill began, and even before they reached the other side of the hill, where the Old Oak stood (and where the Pixies lived), Knarf and Handi, the Shadows with the Turned-About Names, heard Pixie O'Scowl's voice.

And they wondered, as they jumped across the brook and ran up to the Old Oak, what it was that Pixie O'Scowl wouldn't do.

He Looked Gloomy

They found Pixie O'Scowl at last, sitting on a log on the shady side of the Old Oak. He looked very gloomy.

"And I want to tell you this," Pixie O'Scowl grumbled, when he saw Knarf and Handi, "that

even if I had wings and feathers and lived in a hen house, I wouldn't do it! No sirree!"

"What wouldn't you do, dear?" Handi asked the bad-tempered Pixie.

"I wouldn't lay an egg," said Pixie O'Scowl. "And if I did lay an egg," he continued, "I wouldn't cackle about it."

Astonishing News

All this was astonishing news, and Knarf and Handi sat themselves down on the log on either side of Pixie O'Scowl. They asked him to tell them what had started him off on this business of not wanting to lay an egg.

"Don't bother me," Pixie O'Scowl grumbled at first.

But after Knarf had given him a pinch on one side and Handi had given him a little dig with her elbow on the other, Pixie O'Scowl finally grunted that he would tell them.

"It happened this morning," he said. "I was over in the mushroom patch behind the garden, picking mushrooms for dinner—and minding my own business—when all of a sudden I heard someone shouting at the top of her voice. 'An egg! An egg! A very fresh egg!'"

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"I've just laid an egg," Henrietta told Pixie O'Scowl.

"I beg your pardon," said Henrietta. "Have you heard the wonderful news?"

"What wonderful news?" I asked Henrietta.

"I've just laid an egg," replied Henrietta.

"Bah! I said: 'Go away!'"

"I wish she'd stop making all that noise, I said to myself."

"I went on picking mushrooms and holding my fingers in my ears."

Knarf interrupted at this point to ask Pixie O'Scowl how he could pick mushrooms and hold his fingers in his ears at the same time. But Pixie O'Scowl paid no attention to this interruption and went right on with his story.

"—until I suddenly felt someone pecking at me," Pixie O'Scowl continued. "I looked around and saw Henrietta leaning over me."

"How dare you say a thing like that!" she said. "There's nothing more wonderful than being able to lay an egg. Can you lay an egg?"

"Then she swept by, pushing me over. For half an hour, I heard her cackling up and down, telling everybody in the world that she had just laid an egg. Bah!"

Knarf and Handi laughed heartily when they heard this. And Handi warned Pixie O'Scowl not to make fun of Henrietta any more.

"It is a wonderful thing to say an egg," she told him.

"Especially a fresh egg," said Knarf.

But Pixie O'Scowl was still grumbling. "No sir, I wouldn't do it! I wouldn't do it even if I could. I certainly wouldn't lay an egg!"

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Rupert and the Silent Land—39



Team Leader Says Borneo May Produce One Surprise

Tokyo, May 21. A small contingent of eight athletes from North Borneo will march behind their flag when the Asian Games open here on May 24.

It will be Borneo's maiden effort in international sporting events.

Mr. G. S. Kier, the Colony's Asian Games Federation representative, said: "Well, we are here and we may have one surprise for the spectators."

He was referring to Gabuh Bin Piging, the first Southeast Asian athlete to crack the 50-foot barrier in the hop-step-and-jump. His best effort is 50 ft. 1 1/2 ins.

Gabuh Bin Piging, a Colony policeman, is the holder of the Borneo and Malayan championships.

He has been selected for Borneo's team to the British Empire Games to begin in Cardiff, Wales in July.

The Borneo team includes three young girls, Miss Patricia Stahlmann (100 and 200 metres), Miss Fung Soon-san (high jump, broad jump, and javelin) and Miss Adina Abad (high jump and broad jump).

The latter is the baby of the team and was only 12 years old when she won her first Colony title last year.

Miss Fung Soon-san is the daughter of a former Borneo high jump champion. Mr. Kier added: "Our main effort in Tokyo is to gather experience."

—Reuter.

EPSOM DERBY CALLOVER

London, May 21. The American-bred Bald Eagle, who won at York today, became joint favourite with his stable companion Alcide at six to one, in tonight's call-over at the Victoria Club here on the Epsom Derby to be run on June 4.

Both are trained by Captain Boyd-Rochford at Newmarket.

Bald Eagle, owned by American Mr. Harry F. Guggenheim, did not appeal to his backers at five to one. He drifted out to six to one and was backed for a small amount. Alcide remained steady at six to one.

The two best backed horses tonight were Lord Jersey, Verence, at 22 to one, and Mr. Phil Bull's Guerillas, at 100 to one.

Altogether thirty horses were quoted at prices up to 200 to one.

The next callover will be held on Friday.

PRICES

Prices were: 6-1, Alcide and Bald Eagle; 9-1, Neolier and Wallaby; 100-8, Guerillas; 18-1, Nagami; 22-1, Alberts Blue and Verence; 26-1, Currito, Hard Ridden, and Amerigo; 33-1, Miners' Lamp; 40-1, The Mongoses; 50-1, Bocaccio, Boreo, Restoration, Paridel, Pinedale and Tamar; 60-1, Pinched; 100-1, Casey, Cool Debate, Elshu, Purma, Snow Cat and Tullman; 200-1, Pluckness, Crystal Bay, Heros Mead and Trimmer.—Reuter.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB 14TH (WHITSUN) RACE MEETING

To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 19 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 2.00 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.30 p.m. on the 1st day.

On the 2nd day the First Bell will be rung at 12.00 Noon and the First Race run at 12.30 p.m. The 15min interval is after the Third Race (1.30 p.m.).

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 12.00 Noon on the 1st day and at 10.00 a.m. on the 2nd day.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission BUDGET at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable prior to the Meeting from the Club's Cash Sweep Offices, at Queen's Building, Chater Road and Nathan Road, Kowloon, only on the written introduction of a Member, and on production of his Guest Record Card. Members are limited to 6 guests each Race Day, and will be responsible for all guests introduced by them.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

The 6th Floor is restricted to Members and Ladies wearing Lady's Brooches.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$38.00 each for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, Chater Road and 5, D'Agular Street during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the 1st day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 23rd May, 1958, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to issue any name from Subscription Lists without starting reasons for their action.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices—

Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5, D'Agular Street on
Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday 17th May 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Saturday 24th May 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Monday 26th May 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

382, Nathan Road, Kowloon
Mondays to Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday 17th May 9 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER. NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

COLONY BOXING SEMI-FINALS

SPORTING SAM by Reg. Wootton



YANKEES WHIP WHITE SOX FOR THEIR EIGHTH STRAIGHT VICTORY

New York, May 21.

The New York Yankees, rolling on one of the fastest starts in American League history, opened a 7 1/2 game first place lead today when they whipped the Chicago White Sox 5-2 for their eighth straight victory and 21st in 26 games.

The Yankees' blazing getaway is the fastest in the A.L. since 1948, when the Boston Red Sox won 20 of their first 31 games. But the current Yankee lead is bigger than the Red Sox of that year were able to compile. The fastest start of recent seasons was achieved by the Dodgers in 1955, 21 victories in their first 23 games.

GiL McDougald and Elston Howard homered to account for all five Yankee runs and Whitley Ford went the distance for his fourth win. The loser was Billy Pierce, 20-victory ace of the last two seasons, who has won only one game and dropped out of the race.

For the Yankees, McDougald hit two homers, Howard hit one, and Elston Howard hit one. The Yankees led the score in the fifth when McDougald singled and Howard homered. In the sixth, Tony Kubek and Mickey Mantle singled and McDougald followed with his homer.

The Cleveland Indians chased the Boston Red Sox 3-2 in 12 innings. The Baltimore Orioles knocked off the Detroit Tigers 6-1 and the Washington Senators blanked the Kansas City Athletics 6-1 in other games.

In the 12th to give Dick Tomaneck, who went all the way and allowed only five hits, the victory and tag Boston relief pitcher Murray Wall with the defeat. Jackie Jensen sent the game into extra innings with a ninth-inning homer for the Red Sox.

In night games, St. Louis was at Philadelphia and San Francisco at Cincinnati.

Results

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago 100-000 1-0-7-1
Pittsburgh 000-000 0-0-0-0
Philadelphia (2-0) and St. Louis (1-0) 000-000 0-0-0-0
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AMERICAN LEAGUE
New York 000-000 5-2-4-2
Chicago 011-000 0-0-0-0
Detroit 000-000 0-0-0-0
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FRENCH TOURNEY

Hungarian-Born Players Score Double Win

Paris, May 21. Hungarian-born players completed a notable double in the French International Lawn Tennis Championships here today by eliminating seeded players in the men's singles.

Antal Janossy, 23-year-old self-exiled Hungarian living in Paris, played inspired tennis in defeating ninth-seeded Bobby Wilson, of Britain, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Istvan Gulyas, Hungary's number one, knocked out Kurt Nielsen, seeded 19th, also in the second round, by 6-3, 6-4, 6-4. Nielsen, who only arrived last night from Davis Cup duty in Copenhagen, never had control of his shots.

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National League

GiL McDougald clouted a two-run homer in the first inning and the Dodgers made it stand up for a 2-1 victory over the Milwaukee Braves today.

Cimoli hit his fifth homer of the year off Bob Rush after Jim Gilliam had singled. Rush limited the Dodgers to one hit from that point until he was lifted for a pinch hitter in the seventh.

Lanky Don Drysdale was credited with his second victory although he was knocked out of the box in the seventh when he gave up three singles in a row. Wes Covington, however, was tagged out trying to score from second on Don Drysdale's single.

Clem Labine relieved Drysdale and ended the threat by getting Cool Savitsky to bounce into a double play.

Milwaukee scored its only run in the second inning on Frank Torres' single. Covington's double and Crandall's sacrifice fly.

A Five-hitter
Outfielder Walt Moryn drove in three runs and southpaw Taylor Phillips tossed a five-hitter as the Cubs snapped a four-game losing streak with a 5-1 decision over the Pirates.

Moryn hit his seventh homer of the season with one on off lesser Bob Porterfield in the third inning to highlight a three-run rally. The Cubs also scored single runs in the first and ninth. Chicago's run in the ninth was the first run given up by reliever Don Gross this season in 16-2/3 innings.

Enough Action

There was enough action in this contest to satisfy both the fans and the players alike. As the Chinese boy wobbled to his corner on rubber legs at the end of the second round, many thought the end was near, but he was back again in the battle when the bell called them for the last round. And what a round it was. Tsang was hammered and pummeled by a more versatile and accomplished opponent but always he came back and he richly deserved the sustained ovation he received on his way to the dressing room.

There was a big disappointment in the other bantamweight contest against Pte. Schiller of the Army. The sailor belied his bright reputation. In fact the soldier had as much trouble as he did with Randall and even at that his defeat must have been by a very narrow margin.

The Nolan-Tsang welterweight bout was a blood-tinged affair from start to finish. Once again Nolan's immaculate body punching carried him to a magnificent victory over an opponent who simply did not know the meaning of the word "defeat".... or whatever its equivalent is in Chinese.

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Carr Sets Up New Discus Record
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Lavin Well Beaten By Bates In A Major Upset

By OUR BOXING REPORTER

There was a ration of something to tickle every pugilistic palate at the Southern Playground last night when the Hongkong Amateur Boxing Association staged the semi-finals of its 1958 Colony Championships.

The bouts were watched by a most encouraging crowd.... encouraging both in size and in the vocal support it gave to the men in the ring. Right well did the competitors respond and if the public needed any prodding to be present at the Finals on Friday then the men who donned the gloves last night surely gave it to them.

The evening had some glittering highlights. No one who was present will easily forget the calculated punching of young Trooper Bates of the Army as he successfully countered all the wiles of Sgt. Peter Lavin to bring the biggest surprise of the night; neither will they forget the almost primitive courage of tough-as-nails Tsang Chun-wah of the Police as he tried in vain to fend off the merciless barrage of precision blows aimed at him by Pte. Nolan of the Army; and I am sure they will also remember with satisfaction the fine orthodox boxing of REM Cayton of the Royal Navy who lost the narrowest of verdicts to Bdr. Innes of the Army after a grand bout.

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Understandable emotionism and partisan loyalty tempted some to suggest he was unlucky to lose but that is no injustice to Nolan who fought a gallant opponent to a standstill and won by a wide margin.

The featherweight bout between Bates and Lavin was a real war. The fighting spirit was the surprise of his fight, and all his wealth of ring experience was of no avail against the cool calm and calculated counterpunching of Bates. The soldier fought with a confidence that few believed he possessed. He dictated the contest from beginning to end and during the second half of the last round only Lavin's indomitable fighting spirit kept him on his feet.

This was a great victory to Bates.

Disagreed
There was some excellent boxing in the light middleweight bout between REM Cayton and Bdr. Innes and there were many who disagreed with the verdict which went to the latter.

Personally I thought Cayton had the edge and I believe he would have done well to have disregarded the constant chant of "Box him, Fred" which came from his supporters. He allowed himself to become over-cautious.... but I still thought he won by the narrowest of points margins.

There was general approval for the points victory scored by L/Cpl. Lawson over AB Wood of the Royal Navy. The sailor came into the ring looking like a hooded terror in impressive dressing gown and head towel. It was intended as a publicity stunt it misfired for Lawson boxed him round the bend in very confident style.

Wood tried every little trick in the book, and few new ones, and he got several well deserved reprimands from the referee. Lawson—clean cut and competent, stuck to good old fashioned orthodox stuff and won easily.

The evening closed with the light-heavy in action and in a bout of almost inexplicable contradictions Cpl. Wiseman of the Royal Air Force beat Sayer, Don Bryan on points. The all airman enjoyed a considerable advantage in reach and scored easily whenever he exploited a long left yet for long periods he misguidedly hooked and jabbed.

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Bryan was the shorter man by several inches but for some strange reason he once again persisted in launching his attack upwards to the head. This was most unprofitable. It increased his disadvantages and he ran into plenty of trouble as Wiseman plucked away at his face.

It was, in many ways, a disappointing bout but Wiseman was the worthy and clear points winner.

In the other contests on the programme Dr. Evelt of the Army scored a narrow points victory over Cpl. Choy Tard-man of the Police in a tight hitting, lightweight bout and in the welterweight division MER Gray of the Royal Navy got what must have been the narrowest of verdicts over Pte. Gibbons of the Army. The talking point in this bout was mainly about Gray's shorts which very nearly parted company with their owner twice during the fray. Only the timely intervention of the referee—Lt. Basil Middleton—

saved Gray from his "most embarrassing moment".

The finals of the Championships, which now promise some exciting fighting, will be staged at the Southern Playground at 8 o'clock tomorrow. Don't miss this show for after last night's effort by the boxers and the HBA's—there deserve nothing but the best support. You'll be well rewarded for your attendance.

ENTERTAINING CRICKET BY THE KIWIS
London, May 21. The New Zealanders enjoyed themselves at the expense of Oxford University in the Parks today at Oxford where 5,000 spectators watched some most entertaining cricket.

The recent mishap to Bert Sutcliffe, the New Zealand opening batsman was partially off-set by the performance of Noel Harford, the 27-year-old batsman from Southland.

Scoring 168 in three and three-quarter hours with 19 fours as his chief strokes, Harford made his maiden century in first class cricket and played the highest innings of the tour, surpassing Sutcliffe's 139 in the opening match at Canterbury.

Oxford began well enough, capturing the first two wickets for 23 runs. Darcy unluckily played the ball hard against his foot and it bounced on his wicket.

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For the convenience of shareholders resident in the United Kingdom the Society has arranged that proxy may be delivered, not later than the 12th May, 1955, to the London Manager, 7 Cornhill, London E.C.3, in transmission by him to the Society's Registered Office.

Let's Use Grantham!

HONG KONG, 21st May, 1

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MAIL Notices

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**PRIZE WINNING
HK PHOTO**



the prize winning photo "Window in White" was taken by Eddie Ching, A.R.P.S. (Local), well-known Hongkong cameraman currently of Shamrock Hotel, Kowloon, recently with a Leica 35 camera equipped with telelens.

Letter received yesterday from the British and Chinese said that this picture was selected by the jury of the famous

Dowton Camera Club's International Exhibition Photography and awarded the Fraprie Medal.

Mr Merriam N. Bloodgood, Exhibition Chairman, letter said "This beautiful print had every quality of a winner. In all matters, composition, technical excellence was outstanding."

• BY • THE • WAY
by Beachcomber

THE 14-mile jam of cars on the redundant discour-
a coast road the other day clutters up the market.

After remaining stationary for 3 1/4 hours people became restless. An enterprising driver, number 24,317 in the queue, went to the front of the line to find out what had happened. The passenger returned an hour later to report that the driver of the leading car had fallen asleep. Several people in cars near the front had got out to investigate, and had awakened the driver of this leading car. But a fight had broken out, just as he was about to start, between him and a drunken pugilist. They were then driven to the rear of the pack in their cars. The driver

who had caused all the trouble went to sleep again. "Why didn't you wake him?" asked the man in the queue. "I

TARGE

Financial note

FEW people seem to understand that the shorter conversion option offered to hold-

ers of the maturing 4 per cent 1957-8 Stock is a symptom of the dependence of an increase in existing yields on the whole theory of high-couponed, low-range holdings. By making restrictive, non-transferable, England

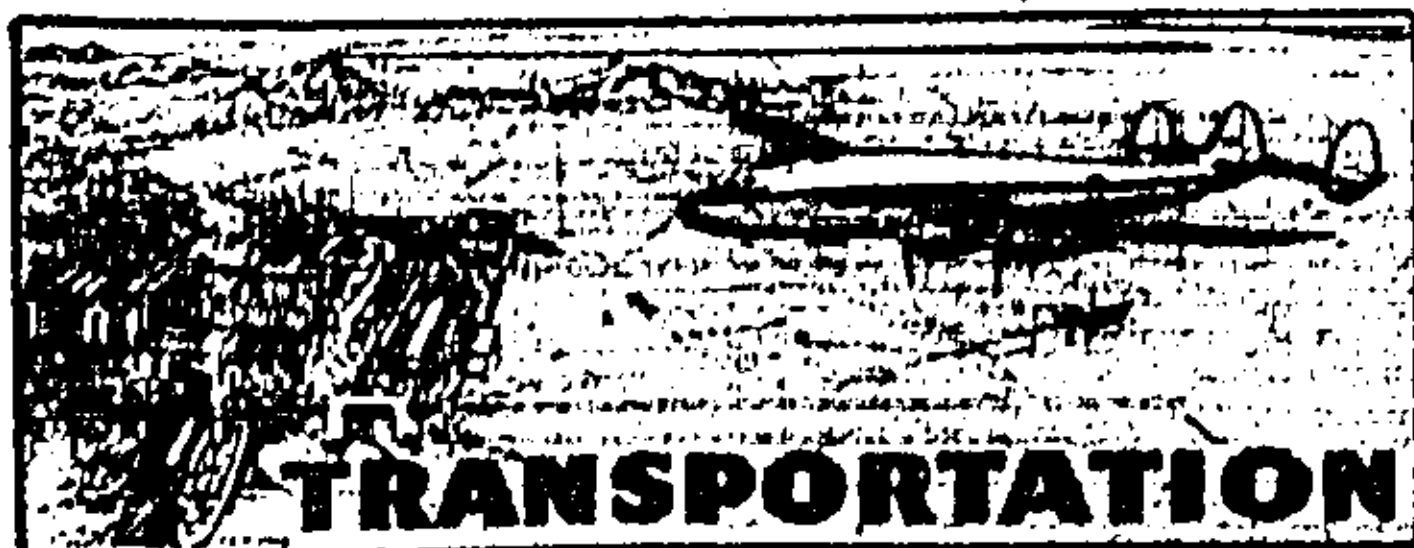
of premature conversion, more attractive, the whole basis of 3½ per cent Stock would be transformed by absorption into the medium-range categories, thus releasing new issues for

the dealers, and getting rid of

CHINA MAIL ENTERTAINMENT GUID

Big Deal. A high-spirited musical in color, starring **Clay Grant** and **William Reynolds**.

Comedians, the Bimedes Time, Hanzovous, 8.30. Vocally Yours—Frankie Laine and Georgia Gibbs; 5, Children's Corner—Pie



FRENCH CARAVELLES TO GO THROUGH FATIGUE TESTS

The first three Caravelle jet airliners Scandinavian Airlines System will put into service in 1959 have reached advance production stages at Sud-Aviation's Toulouse factories, the airline announced.

At the same time, the French aircraft builder has completed the preliminary phase of a three-month fatigue test using a prototype Caravelle and a giant, specially-constructed water tank.

SAS said that, on the production line, a portion of the wing structure already has been joined to the completed fuselage of SAS Caravelle Number One—Finn Viking.

Finn Viking will be ready for its first test flight later this year.

THE FUSELAGE

The fuselage of SAS Caravelles Two and Three also have been completed and moved into forward construction stages.

Six of the 500-mile-hour France transports—world's first medium-range jetliners—will be delivered to SAS in 1959.

The airline has an option on 10 more. The Caravelle will fly SAS routes in Europe and the Near and Middle East.

Sud-Aviation's extensive test programme started in May, 1955—meanwhile moved ahead on schedule.

A prototype of the Caravelle—specially built for the test series—was wheeled through the narrow, winding streets of Toulouse and into a huge water tank structure.

WATER TANK

The water tank is located at E.A.T.—the French government aeronautical testing laboratory.

The actual test will not begin for several weeks. When it does, the tank and prototype fuselage will be filled with 45,000 cubic feet of water, then emptied, then refilled.

The water pumped into the fuselage under pressure will duplicate conditions in a pressurized cabin at different altitudes.

Progeny divers will check the fuselage for signs of fatigue under water pressure. The tank and fuselage will be emptied each night, and the prototype checked again.

This process will go on day after day until the test Caravelle has "aged"—equalling some 30,000 flying hours or approximately ten years in the operating lifetime of a commercial airliner.

UNDERGOING

Another prototype Caravelle, similar to that in the water tank, is undergoing an extensive series of static tests.

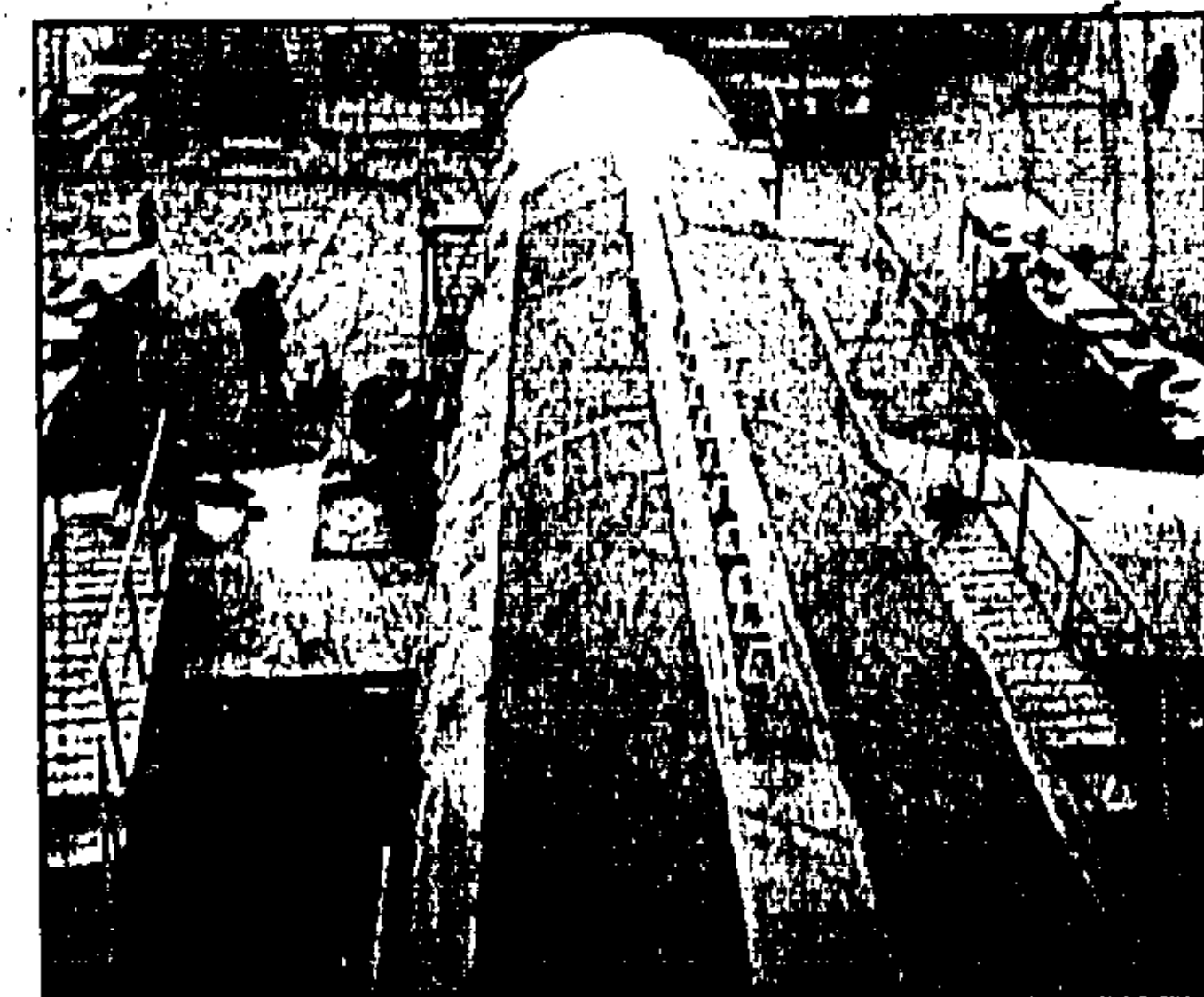
Huge, heavy lead strips are hung from various parts of the fuselage to simulate the effect of wind and other forces on the body of the airliner.

Sud-Aviation's two flying prototypes—"Zero One" and "Zero Two"—also are completing scheduled portions of the test and demonstration programme.

"Zero One"—the Flying Laboratory—has logged more than 1,600 flight hours since its maiden flight in May, 1955. It is fitted with equipment for testing instruments, electrical capacity, and other related parts of the jetliner.

"Zero Two" has just finished "Operation Snow White"—a month of ground and cold weather tests in northern Sweden.

"Zero Two" has flown more than 200 flights, logging in excess of 500 flying hours.



Finn Viking with the wings joined to the fuselage.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$350,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

| Shares | Buyers | Sellers | Sales |
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| DANIELS | 700 | 707 1/2 | 40 @ 705 |
| East Asia | 272 | | 111 @ 705 |

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| INSURANCE | 70 | 71 | 220 @ 70 |
| Lombard XI | | | 50 @ 70 |

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| SHIPPING | 1,231 1/2 | | 220 @ 1,231 1/2 |
| Wheelocks | 605 | 615 | 200 @ 1,231 1/2 |

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| DOCK, ETC. | 40 1/2 | | 102 @ 11.50 |
| Star Ferry | 110 | 111 | |

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| LAND, ETC. | 13.60 | 13.60 | 1,000 @ 13.70 |
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| HONGKONG | 1.25 | 1.25 | |
| RUBBER | 1.35 | 1.35 | 1,000 @ 1.35 |

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| UTILITIES | 24.00 | 24.00 | |
| Star Ferry | 110 | 111 | |

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| Electric | 25.00 | 25.00 | 200 @ 17.40 |
| Telephone | 20.10 | 20.10 | 200 @ 17.40 |

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| INDUSTRIALS | 22.20 | | |
| Rice | 10.70 | 10.70 | 200 @ 17.40 |

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Expansion Of Commonwealth Trade

London, May 21.

The Earl of Home, British Commonwealth Relations Secretary, said here today that the forthcoming Commonwealth Economic Conference in Montreal would have three main themes.

These would be:

★ A common interest and purpose in expansion;

★ Common assets which could be exchanged to mutual benefit;

★ A general goodwill which could be converted to great advantage into joint economic endeavour.

Lord Home described the idea to hold the Montreal Economic Conference next September as a Canadian initiative—a "Canadian inspiration."

After analysing statistically the notable progress made in liberalising Canada's imports into the United Kingdom.

Lord Home said, "We greatly welcome" the clear call by the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. John Diefenbaker, for more capital and more imports from the United Kingdom.

The United Kingdom would respond with enthusiasm.

He concluded by saying that in building a strong structure of trade between them, Britain and Canada could take their places with "confidence in the vanguard of Commonwealth expansion."

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COMMODITY PRICES

METALS

NEW YORK

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| Lead | 10.50 |
| May | 10.50 |
| July | 10.50 |

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| Zinc | 8.10 |
| May | 8.10 |
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| Copper | 23.50 |
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| Tin | 64.00 |
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FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK

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| France | 1.03 1/2 |
| Germany | 1.03 1/2 |

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| Italy | 1.03 1/2 |
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| Frankfurt | | 2.2 1/4-2.2 1/2 |

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THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1958.

SHEAFFER'S
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STERLING SILVER TIP

POLICE OFFICER LISTS PRICES OF OPIUM IN HK

A Narcotics Branch sub-inspector detailed the current prices of opium in Hongkong to the Victoria District Court today.

VICTIMS OF CAR CRASH BURIED

The three officers of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps who died following a traffic accident in Waterloo Road on Monday night, were buried at the Colonial Cemetery with full military honours this morning.

The Rev. K. C. Oliver, OBE, Assistant Chaplain General, General Headquarters, officiated. He was assisted by Deputy Assistant Chaplain General, the Rev. G. Hope and the Rev. J. Morgan of the Church of England, the Rev. J. Ducker, of Methodist Church, and the Rev. J. Muir, of Church of Scotland. The three officers were Major Alfred Frederick Burnard, Cavendish of Camberley, England; Captain Edmund Minkin, of Scotland, and Capt. F. J. Killicks, Major Cavendish and Capt. Minkin were visitors to the Colony from Singapore.

MILITARY JEEP

The car in which they travelled on Monday night crashed against an embankment as it was heading towards Prince Edward Road. Capt. Killicks died the same night and the other two officers died the following day.

The funeral procession which appeared at Wongneichong Road passing by the Royal Hongkong Defence Force Headquarters, was headed by a Military Police jeep and followed by a firing party of 14 men from the RAOC. The Band of the 1st Battalion, Green Howards, was next in the procession followed by gun carriers from the 49 Field Regiment with the coffins of the three officers.

They were followed by the high ranking officers of the Army and three contingents of the RAOC.

The coffins were draped with Union Jack. The caps of three officers, their decorations and wreaths from the families were placed on them.

The procession marched slowly as the Band of the Green Howards played Chopin's Funeral March.

THREE VOLLEYS

On arrival at the Cemetery, each coffin was borne by ten men from RAOC to the graveyard where prayers were said.

The firing party then fired three volleys and a bugler from the East Lancashire Regiment sounded the Last Post and the Reveille.

Among those attending the funeral were Mrs. Killicks and Mrs. Minkin, widows of the deceased, Lieut. Col. T. D. H. McNeckin (representing the General Officer Commanding, Headquarters, Land Forces, Hongkong), Lieut. Commander K. Gamson (representing Commodore G.D.A. Gregory), Squadron Leader J.C. Stuart (representing the Air Officer Commanding).

TOUGH SOVIET COMPETITION

(Continued from Page 1)

Forces here and Mrs. Holder, Col. Harold E. Kohli, US Air Liaison Officer in Hongkong, and Mrs. Kohli; Group Captain A. S. Disney, Station Commander RAF Kai Tak; and Mr. James Pilecher, US Consul-General in Hongkong.

The Air Force Secretary inspected a guard of honour drawn from the 91 Field Malaysia Regiment, RAF. Mr. Douglas and his party will be leaving for Taipei in three days.

The retail price of the drug varied from \$400 to \$800 a pound according to quality. Sub-inspector Gordon James Riddell told the Court.

Riddell was giving evidence at the trial of an Indian merchant and a Chinese who have been charged with conspiracy to deal in opium.

Mohindra Verma, merchant, and Pul Sai-hung, unemployed seaman, have pleaded not guilty of having conspired to deal in opium between October last year and February this year.

They have also denied a charge of having had possession of 1,079 1/2 pounds of the drug on February 22.

Attached

Sub-inspector Riddell today told Judge H.H.B. How that he had been attached to the Narcotic Branch since September 1957 and had been exclusively engaged in narcotic investigations.

During his work he was brought into contact with the buyers and sellers of narcotic in Hongkong.

The price of the drug in the Colony varied according to the quality, he said.

The retail price of Perdan opium in the last quarter of 1957 was reported at HK\$720 a pound.

Caleutta opium was reported as being about \$800 a pound.

Yunnan opium was about \$400 a pound and the drug brought from Thailand sold for about \$500 a pound.

No Change

Since that time there had been no reported change in the price, Riddell said.

He told the Court that he had taken a written statement from a Chinese man, Lok Puk-wai after going to the Commerce and Industry Customs Station at Connaught Road Central on February 22.

Then, with Lok and DSI Tani Yuen-ki and a detective he went to room 305 King Pak House in Duddell Street.

As they entered, Lok pointed to Verma who was sitting in the far left hand corner of the room facing the door.

Several Chinese in civilian dress and a party of Revenue investigators were also in the room.

Cotton Waste

Sub-inspector Riddell said he went to Verma's desk and told him he was making enquiries about a consignment of cotton waste that had been seized by the Revenue people.

Sub-inspector Riddell said Verma gave his name as the proprietor of Associated Enterprises.

He pointed to Verma sitting behind his Counsel in the Court and identified him as the man he had spoken to.

He said he did not know, when he spoke to Verma in the office, whether he had been placed under arrest by the Revenue officers.

The hearing is proceeding.

Airman Accused Of Assault

An airman, Robert Sydney Hiscock, 20, of R.A.F. Mount Davis, faced Mr. E. Corbally at Central Magistracy today on a charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

The prosecuting officer, Sub-inspector J. McKenzie, alleged that the accused, while riding in a Land Rover driven by another airman, pushed a cyclist, Ng Shiu-cheung, to the ground, on April 9 in King's Road, near Peacock Road.

Hearing is continuing.

Two Boys Badly Hurt

Two young boys were seriously injured yesterday when they were knocked down by motor cars near their homes.

The boys are Wong Shui-hung, 13, 333 Nam Po Hong, Ngau Tau Kok, aged nine, and Cheung Ka-tung, aged six, of No. 21, Pratt Avenue, first floor.

Both injured children were admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

Car In 170-Foot Plunge: Man Charged With Attempted Murder

An incident in which a car containing three men plunged down a 170-foot embankment off Pokfulam Road was recalled when a 27-year-old stoker, To Chi-wai, appeared on trial at the Criminal Session this morning charged with the attempted murder of two police constables.

It was stated that the accused was driving a car with the number DPC 4300 Mak Cheuk-yin, as passengers, to a police station when this occurred.

Au suffered a fracture of the spine and leg bone. He appeared in Court this morning in crutches and a doctor in evidence stated that Au would be fully recovered in six months' time.

REQUEST

To Chi-wai faced alternative charges of causing grievous bodily harm with intent to the two police officers.

The trial is before the Police Judge, Mr. Justice J. R. Gregg. Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, and Mr. D. G. Willis, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. J. W. Currie, prosecuted.

Accused was represented by Mr. Terence Shurlock, instructed by P. L. Lam and Company.

A jury of four men and three women has been empanelled.

Mr. Blair-Kerr told the jury that the accused was a stoker on board a launch, which was part of the equipment of the Commerce and Industry department of the Government.

On February 4 last the Police in Kowloon telephoned to the Customs and Excise department, Mr. Bower, in the Marine Office making a certain request.

Mr. Bower passed on the request to the launch concerned and a witness would say that he had been told that the accused was required to report to Mr. Bower that morning. A relief was sent to the launch in the meantime.

INSTRUCTIONS

Crown Counsel said that accused did not see Mr. Bower at all.

In any event, the two police constables who were injured in the crash would say that they set out along Island Road late on the afternoon of February 5 with certain instructions. These instructions were that accused was required at a police station to be interviewed in connection with a certain matter.

Mr. Blair-Kerr said that the two constables were in a police Land Rover driven by a driver and approaching the Aberdeen Industrial School they saw a car driven in the opposite direction from Stanley towards Queen Mary Hospital.

The police car made a "U" turn and then followed this other car which was driven by one person who turned out afterwards to be the accused.

Accused's car was signalled to stop and constables then informed accused that he was required to be interviewed at a police station. The constables with the consent of the accused got into accused's car which then drove off, followed by the police vehicle.

The car driven by the accused was travelling at about 20-25 mph and reached a point near Queen Mary Hospital where there was a gentle right-hand bend on a curve.

ACCELERATED

Crown Counsel said that the police officers would say that instead of carrying on round this bend the accused suddenly turned the wheel half left and the car accelerated.

One of the constables tried to push the wheel back and

Grand Canal Dredging

Paris, May 21. Dredging of China's Grand Canal has begun, along the stretch in Kiangsu Province. This is part of the giant scheme to restore navigation along this ancient man-made waterway and to extend it to allow traffic from Peking to Hangchow, the New China News Agency reported.

All the projects are scheduled to be completed by the end of June, 1960.—France-Press.

accused gave him a lurch with his elbow and then said some words in Chinese which meant "Die".

Mr. Blair-Kerr said that the car after accelerating hit a low curve and jumped a pathway completely and then went down an embankment. He said that the first point of impact was 30 feet downhill.

Mak managed to jump out of the car as it was in midair and the next thing he knew was when he found himself in Queen Mary Hospital. He suffered lacerations and fracture of the right ankle joint, and concussion. He was in hospital for a week.

JUMPED

The other constable also jumped out but his injuries were more severe. He suffered fractures on the leg bone and spine.

Mr. Blair-Kerr said that the car finally came to rest 170 feet below, extensively damaged. When examined, the steering wheel was in good condition, the car was in top gear and the handbrake was off, indicating said Crown Counsel that there was no attempt to stop the car.

Dr. So Yai-mun, house officer attached to Queen Mary Hospital said that he examined Mak Cheuk-yin on February 5. He had a fracture of the ankle joint, bruises and lacerations on the face and was suffering from concussion. He was in hospital for a week.

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The doctor said that Au was getting much better, he could now walk and was improving. It would take him about six months to be fully recovered. Au was discharged from hospital on March 5.

FRACTURED SPINE

Dr. Woo said he also examined the accused who was suffering from a fracture of the spine. In answer to Mr. Shurlock in cross-examination, Dr. Woo said that none of the wounds on Au was dangerous to life. He added that it was very unusual that fractures could directly cause death, but they might as a result of complication.

Hearing is proceeding.

President Hayes Survey

Surveys and engineers are working "all out" on the examination of the President Hayes which steamed into port and docked at Taikoo Yard last Tuesday afternoon having been aground for a week off the Paracels.

A spokesman of the American President Lines, Ltd., owners of the vessel, said "some repairs are necessary" but was unable to estimate the extent of damage until the completion of the survey.

The spokesman added that the 2,700 tons of cargo originally carried by the Hayes for delivery in ports en-route will be transferred to the President Coolidge which will arrive tomorrow and leave here on the following day.

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HE WAS THERE! HONGKONG'S OLDEST SOLDIER —GNR PESTONJI, R.

Remembers When Kowloon Was A Jungle

By J. P. Prettejohn

Old soldiers never die — and this one, Gunner Pestonji, R., of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, never even fades away!

A Hongkong man from way back, he joined the Volunteer Corps in 1888, and 69 years later came back for more parade-ground bashing when he marched with 71 other Old Comrades in the Governor's annual review of the Royal Hongkong Defence Force on March 30, 1958.

He remembers the historic handing-over of the New Territories in 1899 when there was tension accompanying the lead. He and about 400 were "called up" just in case.

They gave no medals for this particular mobilisation, and so Gnr Pestonji was without anything to support his claim to his grandchildren that "it was there."

One day in March this year, Mr Pestonji went to the assembly where the Old Comrades were parading and joined younger generations of "Volunteers." He stepped into the shining rows of medals of the younger set and felt the sting of an inferiority complex!

SURPRISE

But it was a wonderful surprise for the other Old Comrades on parade when they learned that amongst them was "Hongkong's Grandfather Volunteer."

"I volunteered the information when they felt sort of puzzled and wondered in silence regarding my identity," Gnr Pestonji said. "And you could imagine my embarrassment when I saw those medals."

Many of the Old Comrades thought otherwise, for they felt sure that this Grandfather Volunteer was more than their equal and certainly knew his stuff. They were glad to see this prodigal private soldier returning to his unit.

Old Comrade Pestonji left school when he was 17 and a year later joined the Volunteer Corps. He remained with the force for 14 years.

REASON

"Why did I get out?" He was somewhat surprised at the homestead question.

"Listen, mate, I volunteered myself in and so I volunteered myself out. That's as good a reason as any," he explained, giving the familiar reply most volunteers stick to when asked the question: "Don't you agree that 14 years' service is enough for anyone?"

In his 14 years of service, Pestonji served as a gunner, a sapper and a private in various units of the Volunteer Corps. And he resigned in 1912 still a Gentleman Soldier.

AN HONOUR

"We were a classy lot, we were," Gnr Pestonji said. "Those days, joining the Force was not an easy matter. In fact, I would say, it was an honour and a privilege. First you had to be proposed, then seconded and then balloted before you were a fully-fledged private soldier."

There were 400 of the "Privileged Few" in the total population of 250,000 in those days of semi-developed Hongkong.

"We worked hard and played hard, then," he recalled. "I remember I used to attend almost every parade, held two or three times a week."

Of course, Old Comrade Pestonji is a great believer in voluntary service. A Volunteer is worth his salt," he said. "He knows what to expect when he signs on the dotted line," he added.

JUNGLE

Old Comrade Pestonji thinks that there is no other Volunteer of his time in the Colony at present, who used to "work hard and play hard" with him in the Corps when the 19th Century was giving way to the Twentieth.

That was the time when the Volunteers pitched their camps in the "wild land and jungle" in the area at present bounded by Austin Road and Jordan Road. They fired their musketry course at the range at King's Park and their big guns at points in Lai-chikok.

They did their aqua-bathing at Whitfield Barracks and the field headquarters during camp weeks was the Chater Bungalow situated where the present Hillwood Road is now. Their Corps Headquarters occupied the site



Mr. Pestonji today

THIS WAS THE STYLE
Gnr Pestonji, R., looked every inch a Volunteer in "parade blues" — the ceremonial uniform of that time. The year was around 1900, and Gnr Pestonji was about to leave his teens behind when the picture was taken. The bushy moustache was the fashion of the era.

where the Government block of offices now stands.

The Field Battery he served with at the time, was armed with seven-pounder muzzle-loading guns and Martini-Henry carbines. He still can remember the familiar order: "With drag ropes—prepare to advance!"

"And what an advance it always was!" he reflected.

He also served in the Fortress Artillery, manning the 15 pounders and other big guns in Belcher, Lyemun and Mt. Davis forts.

Old Comrade Pestonji recalled that the Force had some well-loved officers then, particularly its Commandant, Sir John W. Carrington (The Chief Justice), Lt-Col R.M. Mainwaring, Majors A. Chapman, C.C. Pritchard, D. MacDonald, Captains J.H.W. Armstrong, Moscop, Marcus W. Slade, G.O. Wood, G.F. Lam, and Lt H.W. Kenneth, J.A.T. Plummer, M.S. Northcote, E.D.C. Wolfe.

And he also thinks the sergeant-major—Mr. W. Higby—was a nice fellow, too. So were his predecessors!

Very soon, Hongkong's Grandfather Volunteer will be celebrating his 78th birthday. But he can still handle a rifle in the drill of 1888.

And in 1958, the military record of this Volunteer reads: "Gunner Pestonji, R., missing since 1912. Found 1958 and healthy."